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Legal Notice.

United States of America, District of Maine, ss.
In the United States District Court in and for said District.

In the Matter of
FRANK H. WHEELER, of Rumford, in the County of Oxford and District of Maine. } No. 66 In Bankruptcy. Creditors' Petition.

To the Honorable Clarence Hale, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine.

The petition of Milliken Tomlinson Co. a corporation existing by law and located at Portland in the County of Cumberland and District of Maine, Daniel H. Patrick and Fred O. Conant, both of said Portland, copartners doing business under firm name of Conant, Patrick & Co., and Steadman Hawkes Co. a corporation existing by law and located at said Portland, respectfully shows:

That Frank H. Wheeler, of Rumford, County of Oxford, and State of Maine, has for the greater portion of six months next preceding the date of filing this petition, resided at Rumford, in the County of Oxford, and State and District aforesaid, and owes debts to the amount of $1,000.

That the number of all the creditors of said Frank H. Wheeler is more than twelve.

That your petitioners are creditors of said Frank H. Wheeler having provable claims amounting in the aggregate in excess of securities held by them, to the sum of $500. That the nature and amount of your petitioners' claims are as follows:

Milliken Tomlinson Co.	Account	$705.93
Conant, Patrick & Co,	"	126.30
Steadman Hawkes Co,	"	417.54

And your petitioners further represent that the said Frank H. Wheeler is insolvent, and that within four months next preceding the date of this petition, the said Frank H. Wheeler committed an act of bankruptcy, in that heretofore, to wit, on the twenty-fifth day of May A. D. 1903, at said Rumford, he drew from the Rumford Falls Trust Co. the sum of $300.00 then and there being a part of his property and then and there removed and concealed the same with the intent thereby to hinder, delay or defraud his creditors.

Also for that the said Wheeler at Westbrook in said County of Cumberland, on the twenty-sixth day of May A. D. 1903 drew from the Westbrook Trust Co. the sum of $300.00 then and there being a part of his property, and then and there removed and concealed the same with the intent thereby to hinder, delay or defraud his creditors.

Also for that the said Wheeler on divers days and times within four months next preceding the date of this petition has conveyed, transferred, concealed, or removed part or parts of his property, with the intent to hinder, delay or defraud his creditors.

And your petitioners further represent that said Frank Wheeler has absconded, and his whereabouts are unknown to your petitioners and personal service cannot be made on him.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that notice shall be given by publication as provided in the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy, and that he may be adjudged by the Court to be a bankrupt within the purview of said acts.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that service of this petition, with a subpena, may be made upon Frank H. Wheeler, as provided in the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy, and that he may be adjudged by the Court to be a bankrupt within the purview of said acts.

MILLIKEN TOMLINSON CO. by Chas. O. Haskell, Treas.
CONANT, PATRICK & CO. by D. H. Patrick a Copartner.
STEADMAN, HAWKES CO. by Jas. F. Hawkes, Treas.
Benj. Thompson
Attorney for Petitioners.

United States of America, District of Maine. } ss.
State of Maine, County of Cumberland.

Milliken Tomlinson Co. by Charles O. Haskell, its Treasurer hereto duly authorized, Conant, Patrick & Co. by Daniel H. Patrick, a member of said firm, and Steadman Hawkes Co. by James F. Hawkes its Treasurer hereto duly authorized, being three of the petitioners above named, do hereby make solemn oath that the statements contained in the foregoing petition, subscribed by them, are true.

MILLIKEN TOMLINSON CO. by Chas. O. Haskell, Treas.
CONANT, PATRICK & CO. by D. H. Patrick, a copartner.
STEADMAN HAWKES CO. by Jas. F. Hawkes Treas.
Petitioners.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of June, A. D. 1903.
FREDERIC J. LAUGHLIN
[SEAL.] Notary Public.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE UPON CREDITORS' PETITION.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine.

In the matter of
FRANK H. WHELEER, of Rumford, Bankrupt. } *In Bankruptcy.*

Upon consideration of the petition of Milliken Tomlinson Co., Conant, Patrick & Co., and Steadman Hawkes Co. that Frank H. Wheeler be declared a bankrupt, it is ordered that the said Frank H. Wheeler do appear at this Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Portland, in the district aforesaid, on the 20th day of June, 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of said petition, together with a writ of subpoena, be served on said Frank H. Wheeler, by delivering the same to him personally or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode in said district, at least five days before the day last aforesaid.

Witness the Honorable Clarence Hale, Judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said district, on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1903.

(L. S.) JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.
District of Maine, ss.
Portland, Me., June 15, 1903.

In the matter of
FRANK H. WHEELER, Bankrupt.

ORDERED, That service be made by publication two successive weeks in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said district, of said petition and the order for subpoena thereon, the last publication to be ten days before the return day, and that a hearing be had thereon on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1903, at 10 A. M.

CLARENCE HALE, District Judge

A true copy of the petition, order for subpoena thereon and order for service by publication.

Attest: JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Market Square Building Association.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Market Square Building Association will be held at the office of the Treasurer on Tuesday, July 7th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE M. ATWOOD,
Clerk and Treasurer.

South Paris, Maine, June 15, 1903.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPEED THE PLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to HENRY D. HAMMOND, Agricultural Editor Oxford Democrat, Paris, Me.

Interesting Grange Meeting.

An all day session of Norway Grange No. 45 opened in form at 11 o'clock June 13th. Worthy Master Roberts in the chair. In spite of its being very wet and rainy, having rained hard all night, about 200 patrons were in attendance at the opening. This being intended to be a red letter day in the grange and the hall being small the use of the opera hall was secured for the meeting. This was a wise move on their part for even with the great rain storm, the opera house was well filled. The great feature of the day was to be the conferring of the 3rd and 4th degrees upon a class of 80, 54 of them being present. Following routine business officers pro tem took the chairs, the regular officers retiring to the ante room. After a brief time they were conducted to their stations by the worthy assistants and work taken up in 3rd degree. A signal was heard at the gate and the Steward announced candidates for degree harvesters and gleaners. Upon examination they were admitted, 54 strong, and duly received the degree which was given in a very impressive and instructive manner.

At the proper time the harvesters and gleaners, represented by the auxiliary team dressed in uniforms appropriate to their occupation and were joined by the candidates. This is a new feature in the work and impressed itself favorably upon the minds of all.

An hour for refreshments was declared and all repaired to patrons hall and enjoyed this social hour in testing the fruits of labor prepared by the worthy sisters.

The 4th degree was conferred upon calling to order for the afternoon and for impressive and instructive work it would be hard to excel. The auxiliary work was finely rendered and is a credit to the grange and all connected with the organization. The degree team was organized through the efforts of Sister Ella Rowe, she bringing the matter before the grange and making the motion which started the work. She has also served as pianist for all their rehearsals.

W. Master Roberts has been drill master, the results testify to his zeal and ability in this line of work. The regular officers aided by 17 sisters and brothers compose the team. Their costumes are tasty and neat, but not expensive. This is a feature worthy of commendation and could well be emulated by all granges with teams. Where one grange strives to out costume other granges it brings upon them an item of expense which is hard to bear and detracts in a measure from the true teachings of the order.

Nearly every grange can follow the lead of Norway in its method of forming and manner of conducting a degree team with profit.

The drill necessarily takes much time and practice and unless one is willing to work and practice one must not go into this line of work.

Those brothers and sisters composing Norway's auxiliary are to be commended for their personal efforts in this matter, attending promptly the many rehearsals necessary.

As the hour was getting late the program had to be omitted with the exception of music.

Remarks were offered by Bro. Rev. J. H. Little of S. Paris. This brother is a very interesting speaker, told several good stories showing his standing as a farmer and a "jiner" among other good thoughts offered he presented the fact that this is an age of fraternities and among the many the grange reaches a class not reached by others, a people that for many years seemed to be left in the cold.

For many years the life of the farmer was one of isolation and drudgery then came the grange and drew together with a bond of sympathy those engaged in the agricultural pursuits.

The representative of the Turf, Farm & Home, W. E. Leland, followed with thoughts along the line of grange work. Some of the benefits to be derived, some of the objects accomplished and the outlook for the agriculturist in the days to come. Bro. Wood of Hudson Grange, Mass., called for and gave an outline of the work as conducted in his state and grange. The grange is alive and doing good work in Mass. In Hudson grange the degree work is conducted on a somewhat different plan than any grange in the old Pine Tree State. In this grange the first and fourth degrees are given by the regular officers, second by a team of young men, third a team of young ladies. They enjoy this plan and believe it aids in developing the ability of members.

Bro. L. C. Bateman of the Lewiston Journal occupied his quota of time in giving an outlook of the Mormon question and comparing their lives, customs and cities with those of other sections of this broad land of ours.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Brooks of So. Paris gave a breezy, interesting talk about "the woman having to take the man" this being a delaration of scripture, though perhaps not known to all. He also gave some attention to the subject of scripture, where it says "go forth and subdue the world," this meaning more than might be thought by a glance. Some of the labor saving machines were noted, one of which deserving especial mention being the separator. He enjoyed going forth to see this machine work, he also enjoys holding a dipper under the small spout and partaking of the contents thereof. He believes that farmers should enjoy more of the best products of the dairy farm, orchard and garden.

With a brief sketch of the work and ability of the Worthy Master of this grange and I will bring this ramble to a close.

Bro. J. A. Roberts has been connected with this order for 15 years, nine of which have been passed in the Master's chair, not at one continuous election but at various periods.

Bro. Roberts has served long and faithfully in Oxford Pomona and is secretary of that organization. He has been overseer of the Maine State Grange. Has represented his people in the legislature, has been on the legislative committee for the M. S. Grange where he has charge of important matters. Brother Roberts has put much time and money into grange work. It being his motto that what is worth doing is worth doing well. He is in the work for the good of the order and the advancement of agriculture. Judging from his ability and knowledge of the work and the fact that the patrons desire a live, true farmer for State Master it is the belief of many that Bro. Roberts should be the next State Master.—W. E. L. in Turf, Farm and Home.

The Best General Purpose Apple.

With the desire to produce a good shipping red apple, the Rhode Island Greening, that standard variety of most high excellence in every point, is being largely neglected. As a cooking apple it has few superiors. As a dessert fruit it is highly prized. As a free grower in the orchard and as a regular and abundant bearer it ranks among the best. As a fruit universally in demand in our home and foreign markets is attended by the excellent prices it steadily commands. This grand old standard variety, carrying perhaps more good general qualities than any other, should be more extensively planted and to the exclusion of other and lower grade varieties.—American Agriculturist.

Early and close culling are necessary if one would have a first-class flock.

Special Fertilizer vs. Barnyard Manure.

The more I study the fertilizer question the plainer does it appear to my mind that the so-called special fertilizers are a means of deceiving the farmer who is not well posted upon fertilizer questions, and considered in that sense the special fertilizers are frauds, says a writer in The Epitomist. The idea of a chemist, who knows nothing of the elements contained in the soil on which the fertilizer is to be used, preparing a special fertilizer for a certain crop is not a practical one. The special crop fertilizer is to be used upon soils that are as variable as can be. It is requiring too much of the chemist to expect him to prepare a fertilizer to suit all soils by preparing a single mixture in the proper ratio to be most economical for one farm in the growing of any special crop. Not only this but the special fertilizer for this farm is recommended for every other farm no matter what the conditions. I have selected three different special fertilizers manufactured by three different firms and recommended as specials for corn. The first one contains 8 per cent phosphoric acid, less than 1 per cent of nitrogen and 2 per cent of potash. The second one contains 13 per cent phosphoric acid, 2.5 per cent nitrogen and 3.5 per cent potash. The third one contains 8 per cent phoshoric acid, .82 per cent nitrogen and 4 per cent potash. The above are the fertilizer elements that are claimed to be in the fertilizers by the manufacturers and they show quite a difference in the ratios of the different elements, almost as much as is found in any mixed goods. Now if either of the three is right, which one is it? If one of them is right and the other two are wrong, how can the farmer decide which to take? If they are all wrong, what is there in special fertilizers except a deception? I notice in the Midland Farmer an article in which Bryan Tyson undertakes to prove that barnyard manure needs balancing, and he says that a corn fertilizer should contain 2 per cent nitrogen, 7 perc ent phosphoric acid and 6 per cent potash. If Mr. Tyson is correct the three manufacturers are all wrong. If we undertake to use a special fertilizer why not compound the ingredients in the same ratio that they are found in the crop to be grown? Then the fertilizer will be just what the average farmer thinks he is buying when he is led to buy a special fertilizer. If this was done a fertilizer for corn that would be expected to grow fifty bushels of corn per acre must supply thirty-one pounds of phosphoric acid, sixty-seven pounds of nitrogen and eighty pounds of potash, as this is about the amount of the different elements that would be removed in the grain and stalks with fifty bushels of corn. This would be quite a different showing from any special fertilizers prepared for corn. —Mirror and Farmer.

Cost of Silage.

The high price of farm lands and the present crop of soft corn on top of a crop last year, little of which was marketable as grain, is creating great interest in the silo. I want to say in my feeble way that the feeding value of silage and dry fodder are not alike. What is left—after fodder is cured and weathered—may feed all right, but there is a loss of over twenty per cent by the drying, that must be deducted from the dry fodder before what is left and the silage "is anywhere near equal."

This summer we have had a little new experience with the corn crop. We had four acres of field corn, in addition to the silage. The silage was cut with a corn harvester, and all help in filling silo and corn cutting was hired, and the cost per acre, put in the silos, was exactly $3.38, not including the dinners of the men. This cut, husked the corn, went to mill, and put the crop at the north end of the manger at one job. It cost $1 per acre to cut the field corn; it cost $2.80 (seventy bushels, four cents per bushel) per acre to husk it, and I have the stalks to draw, and have the satisfaction of seeing fully a third of it rejected in the manger, whether cut or not.

The corn I must yet take to the mill, and expend another $2.25 per acre to get the ears ground, making $6 expense to get this acre of corn before the cows, as against $3.38 per acre for the silage; and then up jumps Professor Vorhees of New Jersey, and tells me, after years of trials, silage will make a cow give 12 per cent more milk and cream than dry fodder with the ground corn put back upon it. The rent of these lots were the same, so that they need not enter into this calculation, only this silage yielded more than double the fodder secured upon the field corn lot, and yet cost $2.67 less per acre to harvest.

Apropos of a kindred subject mentioned, about "things costing too much to be practical," I want to say that my silos have been in yearly use for several years more, and with a total cost for repairs, this year, of $1 and a half day's work. The original cost of the two was $80. The annual interest on that is $4.80, and when one counts the saving of the entire corn crop, the husking and the grinding and the 12 per cent claimed by Professor Vorhees, we ask in all "practical" sense how one, with a yearly outlay of $4.80 interest, can get a larger dividend? In proportion, the steel trust is not in it for a moment.—Hoard's Dairyman.

Quality in Fruit.

For some years we have been vigorous defender of fine quality in fruit. This is for the reason that during a lifetime of observation, no new variety of fruit of any kind has withstood the test of time and borne a continuous demand on the market unless it possessed high quality. In the time we have watched the market new varieties of apples and pears of fine appearance have been brought into notice and for a time, or while but few have been riased, have been taken by the market at a satisfactory price. With nothing but large size and good looks to their credit they soon dropped out of favor.

The Kieffer pear is an illustration. The tree is a vigorous grower and great bearer. The fruit is of inferior quality and only fitted for canning purposes. With but few raised the fruit was in quick demand and was immensely profitable. Thousands of acres in the middle states were planted to the Kieffer pear with the result that the selling demand is so light that all profit from its production has disappeared. At the same time the old Bartlett with its delicious flavors was never more popular or in better demand than at the present time.

The Ben Davis apple has been a good seller on the market. Trees of this variety have been planted late years throughout the country in quantities unnumbered. As in every case preceding it with apples of inferior quality, since the vast planting of this variety is coming into bearing, the popular price is dropping off. Last year its lead began to wane. The present year its decline is still more marked. In the interior markets with the old Rhode Island Greening in demand at $6 a barrel the Ben Davis finds a place only at half that price. When the wide planting of this apple shall have come into bearing who can say what its selling value will be?

There are seldom drafts of air under sheds, and they afford the very best conditions in summer, being more easily cleaned than are closed poultry houses, and afford more comfort to the hens. A shed with the front protected by wire gives all the advantages of outdoor roosting and at the same time shelters the fowl from storms, no ventilating devices being required as in closed houses.

Grit is necessary to the welfare of the fowl and should always be supplied, but care should be taken about allowing little chicks to have access to it freely. They will fill themselves up with it, with fatal results.

GRAUSTARK

...By...

GEORGE BARR McCUTCHEON

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CHAPTER XII.

A WAR AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

LORRY was removed to another room before dinner, as she had promised.

After they had dined the two strangers were left alone for several hours. Anguish regaled his friend with an enthusiastic dissertation on the charms of the Countess Dagmar, lady in waiting to the princess. In conclusion he said glowingly, his cigar having been out for half an hour or more because his energy had been spent in another direction:

"You haven't seen much of her, Lorry, but I tell you she is rare. And she's not betrothed to any of these confounded counts or dukes either. They all adore her, but she's not committed."

"How do you know all this?" demanded Lorry, who but half heard through his dreams.

"Asked her, of course. How in thunder do you suppose?"

"And you've known her but a day! Well, you are progressive!"

"Oh, perfectly natural conversation, you know," explained Anguish composedly. "She began it by asking me if I were married, and I said I wasn't even engaged. Then I asked her if she were married. You see, from the title, you can't tell whether a countess is married or single. She said she wasn't, and I promptly and very properly expressed my amazement. By Jove, she has a will and a mind of her own, that young woman has! She's not going to marry until she finds a man of the right sort, which is refreshing. I like to hear a girl talk like that, especially a pretty girl who can deal in princes, counts and all kinds of nobility when it comes to a matrimonial trade. By Jove, I'm sorry for the princess, though!"

"Sorry for the princess? Why?" asked the other, alert at once.

"Oh, just because it's not in her power to be so independent. The countess says she cries every night when she thinks of what the poor girl has to contend with."

"Tell me about it."

"I don't know anything to tell. I'm not interested in the princess, and I didn't have the nerve to ask many questions. I do know, however, that she is going to have an unpleasant matrimonial alliance forced upon her in some way."

"That is usual."

"That's what I gather from the countess. Maybe you can pump the countess and get all you want to know in connection with the matter. It's a pretty serious state of affairs, I should say, or she wouldn't be weeping through sympathy."

Lorry recalled a part of the afternoon's sweetly dangerous conversation, and the perspiration stood cold and damp on his brow.

There was a rap at the door, and Anguish hastened to open it. A servant presented Count Halfont's compliments and begged leave to call.

"Shall we see the old boy?" asked Harry.

"Yes, yes," responded the other. The servant understood the sign made by Anguish and disappeared. "Diplomatic call, I suspect."

"He is the prime minister, I understand. Ah, good evening, your excellency! We are honored."

The count had entered the room and was advancing toward the couch, tall, easy and the personification of cordiality.

"I could not retire until I had satisfied myself as to Mr. Lorry's condition and his comfort," said he in his broken English. He seated himself near the couch and bent sharp, anxious eyes on the recumbent figure.

"Oh, he's all right!" volunteered Anguish readily. "Be able to go into battle again tomorrow."

"That is the way with you aggressive Americans, I am told. They never give up until they are dead," said the count courteously. "Your head is better?"

"It does not pain me as it did, and I'm sure I'll be able to get out tomorrow. Thank you very much for your interest," said Lorry. "May I inquire after the health of the Countess Halfont? The excitement of last night has not had an unpleasant effect, I hope."

"She is with the princess, and both are quite well. Since our war, gentlemen, Graustark women have nothing to acquire in the way of courage and endurance. You, of course, know nothing of the horrors of that war."

"But we would be thankful for the story of it, your excellency. War is a hobby of mine. I read every war scare that gets into print," said Anguish eagerly.

"We of Graustark at present have every reason to recall the last war and bitterly to lament its ending. The war occurred just fifteen years ago—but will the recital tire you, Mr. Lorry? I came to spend a few moments socially and not to go into history. At any other time I shall be"—

"It will please and not tire me. I am deeply interested. Pray, go on," Lorry hastened to say, for he was interested more than the count suspected.

"Fifteen years ago Prince Ganlook of this principality, the father of our princess, became incensed over the depredations of the Axphain soldiers who patrolled our border on the north. He demanded restitution for the devastation they had created, but was refused. Graustark is a province comprising some 800 square miles of the best land in this part of the world. Our neighbor is smaller in area and population. Our army was better equipped, but not so hardy. For several months the fighting in the north was in our favor, but the result was that our forces were finally driven back to Edelweiss, hacked and battered by the fierce thousands that came over the border. The nation was staggered by the shock, for such an outcome had not been considered possible. We had been too confident. Our soldiers were sick and worn by six months of hard fighting, and the men of Edelweiss—the merchants, the laborers and the nobility itself—flew to arms in defense of the city. For over a month we fought, hundreds of our best and bravest citizens going down to death. They at last began a bombardment of the city. Today you can see the marks on nearly every house in Edelweiss. Hundreds of graves in the valley to the south attest the terrors of that siege. The castle was stormed, and Prince Ganlook, with many of the chief men of the land, met death. The prince was killed in front of the castle gates, from which he had sallied in a last brave attempt to beat off the conquerors. A bronze statue now marks the spot on which he fell. The princess, his wife, was my sister, and as I held the portfolio of finance it was through me that the city surrendered, bringing the siege to an end. Fifteen years ago this autumn—the 20th of November, to be explicit—the treaty of peace was signed in Sofia. We were compelled to cede a portion of territory in the far northeast, valuable for its mines. Indemnity was agreed upon by the peace commissioners, amounting to 20,000,000 gavvos, or nearly $30,000,000 in your money. In fifteen years this money was to be paid, with interest. On the 20th of November, this year, the people of Graustark must pay 25,000,000 gavvos. The time is at hand, and that is why we recall the war so vividly. It means the bankruptcy of the nation, gentlemen."

Neither of his listeners spoke for some moments. Then Lorry broke the silence.

"You mean that the money cannot be raised?" he asked.

"It is not in our treasury. Our people have been taxed so sorely in rebuilding their homes and in recuperating from the effect of that dreadful invasion that they have been unable to pay the levies. You must remember that we are a small nation and of limited resources. Your nation could secure $30,000,000 in one hour for the mere asking. To us it is like a death-blow. I am not betraying a state secret in telling you of the sore straits in which we are placed, for every man in the nation has been made cognizant of the true conditions. We are all facing it together."

There was something so quietly heroic in his manner that both men felt pity. Anguish, looking at the military figure, asked:

"You fought through the war, your excellency?"

"I resigned as minister, sir, to go to the front. I was in the first battle and I was in the last," he said simply.

"And the princess—the present ruler, I mean—was a mere child at that time. When did she succeed to the throne?" asked Lorry.

"Oh, the great world does not remember our little history! Within a year after the death of Prince Ganlook his wife, my sister, passed away, dying of a broken heart. Her daughter, their only child, was, according to our custom, crowned at once. She has reigned for fourteen years, and wisely since assuming full power. For three years she has been ruler de facto. She has been frugal and has done all in her power to meet the shadow that is descending."

"And what is the alternative in case the indemnity is not paid?" asked Lorry breathlessly, for he saw something bright in the approaching calamity.

"The cession of all that part of Graustark lying north of Edelweiss, including fourteen towns, all of our mines and our most productive farming and grazing lands. In that event Graustark will be no larger than one of the good sized farms in your western country. There will be nothing left for her royal highness to rule save a tract so small that the word principality will be a travesty and a jest—this city and twenty-five miles to the south, a strip about 150 miles long. Think of it! Twenty-five by 150 miles, and yet called a principality! Once the proudest and most prosperous state in the east, considering its size, reduced to that! Ach, gentlemen—gentlemen, I cannot think of it without tearing out a heart string and suffering such pains as mortal man has never endured. I lived in Graustark's days of wealth, power and supremacy. God has condemned me to live in the days of her dependency, weakness and poverty. Let us talk no more of this unpleasant subject."

"Willingly, your excellency, since it is distasteful to you. I hope, however, you will permit me to ask how much you are short of the amount," said Lorry considerately, yet curiously.

"Our minister of finance, Gaspon, will be able to produce 15,000,000 gavvos at the stated time, far from enough. This amount has been sucked from the people from excessive levy and has been hoarded for the dreaded day. Try as we would, it has been impossible to raise the full amount. The people have been bled and have responded nobly, sacrificing everything to meet the treaty terms honorably, but the strain has been too great. Our army has cost us large sums. We have strengthened our defenses and could, should we go to war, defeat Axphain. But we have our treaty to honor. We could not take up arms to save ourselves from that honest bond.

"Our levies have barely brought the amount necessary to maintain an army large enough to inspire respect among those who are ready to leap upon us the instant we show the least sign of distress. There are about us powers that have held aloof from war with us simply because we have awed them with our show of force. It has been our safeguard, and there is not a citizen of Graustark who objects to the manner in which state affairs are conducted. They know that our army is an economy at any price. Until last spring we were confident that we could raise the full amount due Axphain, but the people in the rural districts were unable to meet the levies on account of the panic that came at a most unfortunate time. That is why we were hurrying home from your country, Mr. Lorry. Gaspon had cabled the princess that affairs were in a hopeless condition, begging her to come home and do what she could in a final appeal to the people, knowing the love they had for her. She came and has seen these loyal subjects offer their lives for her and for Graustark, but utterly unable to give what they have not—money. She asked them if she should disband the army, and there was a negative wail from one end of the land to the other. Then the army agreed to serve on half pay until all was tided over. Public officers are giving their services free, and many of our wealthy people have advanced loans on bonds, worthless as they may seem, and still we have not the required amount."

"Cannot the loan be extended a few years?" asked Lorry, angry with the ruler in the north, taking the woes of Graustark as much to heart as if they were his own.

"Not one day! Not in London, Paris nor Berlin."

Lorry lay back and allowed Anguish to lead the conversation into other channels. The count remained for half an hour, saying as he left that the princess and his wife had expressed a desire to be remembered to their guests.

"Her royal highness spent the evening with the ministers of finance and war, and her poor head, I doubt not, is racking from the effects of the consultation. These are weighty matters for a girl to have on her hands," solemnly stated the count, pausing for an instant at the door of the apartment.

After he had closed it the Americans looked long and thoughtfully at each other, each feeling a respect for the grim old gentleman that they had never felt for man before.

CHAPTER XIII.

UNDER MOON AND MONASTERY.

FOR two days Lorry lived through intermittent stages of delight and despondency. His recovery from the effects of the blow administered by Dannox was naturally rapid, his strong young constitution coming to the rescue bravely. He saw much of the princess, more of the Countess Dagmar, and made the acquaintance of many lords and ladies for whom he cared but little except when they chose to talk of their girlish ruler. The atmosphere of the castle was laden with a depression that could not be overcome by an assimilated gayety.

The princess could not hide the trouble that had sprung up in her eyes. Her laugh, her gay conversation, her rare composure and gentle hauteur were powerless to drive away the haunted, worried gleam in those expressive eyes of blue. Lorry had it on his tongue's end a dozen times during the next day or so after the count's narrative to question her about the condition of affairs as they appeared to her.

The Countess Dagmar, when not monopolized by the very progressive or aggressive Anguish, unfolded to Lorry certain pages in the personal history of the princess, and he, of course, encouraged her confidential humor, although there was nothing encouraging in it for him.

Down by the great fountain, while the soldiers were on parade, the fair but volatile countess unfolded to Lorry

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a story that wrenched his heart so savagely that anger, resentment, helplessness and love oozed forth and enveloped him in a multitude of emotions that would not disperse.

"She will not mind my telling you, because she considers you the very best of men, Mr. Lorry," said the countess, who had learned her English under the Princess Yetive's tutor.

It seems, according to the very truthful account given by the lady, that the princess had it in her power to save Graustark from disgrace and practical destruction. The Prince of Axphain's son, Lorenz, was deeply enamored of her, infatuated by her marvelous beauty and accomplishments. He had persuaded his father to consider a matrimonial alliance with her to be one of great value to Axphain. The old prince, therefore, some months before the arrival of the Americans in Graustark sent to the princess a substitute ultimatum, couched in terms so polite and conciliatory that there could be no mistaking his sincerity. He agreed to give Graustark a new lease of life, as it were, by extending the fifteen years or, in other words, to grant the conquered an additional ten years in which to pay off the obligations imposed by the treaty. He furthermore offered a considerable reduction in the rate of interest for the next ten years. But he had a condition attached to this good and gracious proposition—the marriage of Graustark's sovereign. His ambassador set forth the advantages of such an alliance, and departed with a message that the matter should have most serious consideration.

The old prince's proposition was a blow to the princess, who was placed in a trying position. By sacrificing herself she could save her country, but in so doing her life was to be plunged into interminable darkness. She did not love nor did she respect Lorenz, who was not favorably supplied with civilized intelligence.

The proposition was laid before the cabinet and the nobility by the princess herself, who said that she would be guided by any decision they might reach. The counselors to a man refused to sacrifice their girlish ruler, and the people vociferously ratified the resolution. But the princess would not allow them to send an answer to Axphain until she could see a way clear to save her people in some other manner. An embassy was sent to the Prince of Dawsbergen. His domain touched Graustark on the south, and he ruled a wild, turbulent class of mountaineers and herdsmen. This embassy sought to secure an indorsement of the loan from Prince Gabriel sufficient to meet the coming crisis. Gabriel, himself smitten by the charms of the princess, at once offered himself in marriage, agreeing to advance, in case she accepted him, 20,000,000 gavvos at a rather high rate of interest for fifteen years. His love for her was so great that he would pawn the entire principality for an answer that would make him the happiest man on earth. Now, the troubled princess abhorred Gabriel. Of the two, Lorenz was much to be preferred. Gabriel flew into a rage upon the receipt of this rebuff and openly avowed his intention to make her suffer. His infatuation became a mania, and up to the very day on which the countess told the story he persisted in his appeals to the princess. In person he had gone to her to plead his guilt on his knees, groveling at her feet. He went so far as to exclaim madly in the presence of the alarmed but relentless object of his love that he would win her or turn the whole earth into everything unpleasant.

So it was that the Princess of Graustark, erstwhile Miss Guggenslocker, was being dragged through the most unhappy affairs that ever beset a sovereign. Within a month she was to sign away two-thirds of her domain, transforming multitudes of her beloved and loving people into subjects of the hated Axphain or to sell herself, body and soul, to a loathsome bidder in the guise of a suitor, and, with all this confronting her, she had come to the realization of a truth so sad and distracting that it was breaking her tortured heart. She was in love, but with no royal prince! Of this, however, the countess knew nothing, so Lorry had one great secret to cherish alone.

"Has she chosen the course she will pursue?" asked Lorry as the countess concluded her story. His face was turned away.

"She cannot decide. We have wept together over this dreadful, this horrible thing. You do not know what it means to all of us, Mr. Lorry. We love her, and there is not one in our land who would sacrifice her to save this territory. As for Gabriel, Graustark would kill her before she should go to him. Still she cannot let herself sacrifice those northern subjects when by a single act she can save them. You see, the princess has not forgotten that her father brought this war upon the people, and she feels it her duty to pay the penalty of his error, whatever the cost."

"Is there no other to whom she can turn—no other course?" asked Lorry.

"There is none who would assist us, bankrupt as we are. There is a question I want to ask, Mr. Lorry. Please look at me. Do not stare at the fountain all the time. Why have you come to Edelweiss?" She asked the question so boldly that his startled embarrassment was an unspoken confession. He calmed himself and hesitated long before answering, weighing his reply. She sat close beside him, her clear gray eyes reading him like a book.

"I came to see a Miss Guggenslocker," he answered at last.

"For what purpose? There must have been an urgent cause to bring you so far. You are not an American banker?"

"I had intended to ask her to be my wife," he said, knowing that secrecy was useless and seeing a faint hope.

"You did not find Miss Guggenslocker?"

"No; I have not found her."

"And are you going home disappointed, Mr. Lorry, because she is not here?"

"I leave the answer to your tender imagination."

There was a long pause.

"May I ask when you expect to leave Graustark?" she asked somewhat timidly.

"Why do you wish to know?" he asked in turn.

"Because I know how hopeless your quest has been. You have found Miss Guggenslocker, but she is held behind a wall so strong and impregnable that you cannot reach her with the question you came to ask. You have come to that wall, and now you must turn back. I have asked how soon?"

"Not until your princess bids me take up my load and go. You see, my lady, I love to sit beneath the shadow of the wall you describe. It will require a royal edict to compel me to abandon my position."

"You cannot expect the princess to drive you from her country, you who have done so much for her. You must go, Mr. Lorry, without her bidding."

"I must?"

"Yes, for your presence outside that wall may make the imprisonment all the more unendurable for the one your love cannot reach. Do you understand me?"

"Has the one behind the wall instructed you to say this to me?" he asked miserably.

"She has not. I do not know her heart, but I am a woman and have a woman's foresight. If you wish to be kind and good to her, go."

"I cannot!" he exclaimed, his pent feelings bursting forth. "I cannot go!"

"You will not be so selfish and so cruel as to increase the horror of the wreck that is sure to come," she said, drawing back.

"You know, countess, of the life saving crews who draw from the wrecks of ships lives that were hopelessly lost. There is to be a wreck here. Is there to be a life saver? When the night is darkest, the sea wildest, when hope is gone, is not that the time when rescue is most precious? Tell me, you who know all there is of this approaching disaster."

"I cannot command you to leave Edelweiss. I can only tell you that you will have something to answer for if you stay," said the countess.

"Will you help me if I show to you that I can reach the wreck and save the one who clings to it despairingly?" he asked, smiling, suddenly calm and confident.

"Willingly, for I love the one who is going down in the sea. I have spoken to you seriously, though, and I trust you will not misunderstand me. I like you, and I like Mr. Anguish. You could stay here forever so far as I am concerned."

He thought long and intently over what she had said as he smoked his cigar on the great balcony that night. He saw in one moment the vast chasm between the man and the princess; in the next he laughed at the puny space.

Down on the promenade he could see the figures of men and women strolling in the moonlight. To his ears came the occasional laugh of a man, the silvery gurgle of a woman. The royal military band was playing in the stand near the edge of the great circle. There were gayety, comfort, charm and security about everything that came to his eyes and ears. Where was she? He had seen her in the afternoon and had talked with her, had walked with her. Their conversation had been bright, but of the commonplace kind. She had said nothing to indicate that she remembered the hour spent beside his couch a day or so before; he had uttered none of the words that struggled to rush from his lips—the questions, the pleadings, the vows. Where was she now? Not in that gay crowd below, for he had scanned every figure with the hawk's eye; closeted again, no doubt, with her ministers, wearying her tired brain, her brave heart into fatigue without rest.

Her court still trembled with the excitement of the daring attempt of the abductors and their swift punishment. Functionaries flocked to Edelweiss to inquire after the welfare of the princess, and indignation was at the highest pitch. There were theories innumerable as to the identity of the arch conspirator. Baron Dangloss was at sea completely. He cursed himself and everybody else for the hasty and ill timed execution of the hirelings. It was quite evident that the buzzing wonder and intense feeling of the people had for the moment driven out all thought of the coming day of judgment and its bitter atonement for all Graustark. Today the castle was full of the nobility, drawn to its walls by the news that had startled them beyond all expression. The police were at work, the military trembled with rage, the

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Coming Events.

July 4.—Base ball tournament, County fair grounds.
July 4.—Celebration, West Paris.
July 8, 9.—Lewiston District Epworth League convention, South Paris.

DATES OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

Aug. 25-28.—Eastern Maine, Bangor.
Aug. 31-Sept. 4.—Maine State, Lewiston.
Sept. 8-10.—Riverside Park Association, Bethel.
Sept. 15-17.—Oxford County, South Paris.
Sept. 29-Oct. 1.—West Oxford, Fryeburg.
Sept. 30, Oct. 1.—Oxford North, Andover.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

July 4.
Oxfords.
White Shirt Waists.
Evangeline Oxfords.
4th of July.
Notice of Foreclosure.
Worcester Buckeye.
Tinware Sales.
Receiver's Sale.
Dissolution of Partnership.
Team to Let.
Parker's Hair Balsam.

Epworth League Convention.

The following is the programme of the Lewiston District Epworth League convention, to be held at the South Paris Methodist church, July 8 and 9:

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

10:20 Praise and Devotional, Rev. Felix Powell
Address of Welcome, Rev. A. W. Pottle
Response, Rev. D. B. Holt, President
Singing, Wake Brethren, Wake, Epw. Male Quartet
11:20 Organization. Reading minutes. Appointing Committees. Nominations by Chair.
Singing, League Hymn.
Epw. League Benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:45 Praise, Prayer and Social Service, Rev. A. A. Lewis
Solo, Miss M. M. Taylor
2:30 Reports:
From Conference League Anniversary, Rev. F. C. Norcross
From State Convention, Mrs. May Williams
From John Wesley Bi-Centennial, Rev. A. S. Ladd
Singing, O, Rock of Ages, Epw. Male Quartet
3:00 Spiritual Department. Five minute papers
The Morning Watch.
Training for Spiritual Work, Miss Flora R. Smith
Training for Missionary Work, Mrs. V. W. Canham
Singing, No. 50, Songs of the Century.
3:30 Institute Hour. Literary Department.
The Reading Courses, Miss Clara Staples
The Epw. League Library, Rev. J. E. Clancey
Periodicals, Miss Vina Vosmos
Literary Programs, Miss Edith Bickford
Singing, Solo, Out on the Deep, A. P. Corliss
Students, Miss Mary Searles
Systematic Bible Study, E. H. Lander
Social Studies, Rev. Wm. Wood
Singing, Duet,
Rev. F. K. Beem and Miss M. M. Taylor
Round Table.
Epw. League Benediction

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30 Devotional.
Music for evening by Church Choir
Singing—Be Ye Strong in the Lord, Epw. Male Quartet
Address, Christian Stewardship, Rev. J. W. Magruder
Epw. League Benediction

THURSDAY FORENOON.

6:00 Sunrise Prayermeeting.
Epw. League Benediction
9:00 Praise and Devotional, Rev. C. H. B. Selliger
Business:
Reports of Officers
Reports of Committees
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
Singing, The Ship of Life, Epw. Male Quartet
9:30 Address, John Wesley, Rev. F. C. Norcross
Singing, Solo, Miss M. M. Taylor
10:00 Institute Hour. Social Department.
The Epworth League in the Social Life of the Church, Rev. Hosea Hewitt
Strangers, { Greeting them, / Hunting them up, } Rev. F. C. Potter
Some Ways of Arousing Interest, Miss Maud Marshall
Singing, No. 16, Songs of the Century.
Diffident Members. How can we help them? Rev. F. K. Beem
Christian Propriety in the Social, Rev. D. C. Abbott
Our Best Social Program. A half-minute outline of it from each league.
Singing, No. 21, Songs of the Century.
11:00 Junior League Work, Illustrated by Mrs. Smiley.
Epw. League Benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00 Sermon, W. P. Merrill
Singing.
3:00 Deaconess Work, Rosa Santee, Deaconess, Portland

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30 Devotional
Music for evening by Church Choir
Singing, Only Remembered, Epw. Male Quartet
Address: Saved to Serve, Rev. E. T. Curnick, D. D.
Report of Committee on Resolutions
Epworth League Benediction.

Personal.

At the Bowdoin commencement last week, Robert C. Bisbee of Bethel, George B. Farnsworth of Bethel, and Leon V. Walker of Oxford were among the graduates. Mr. Walker was graduated with the highest honors, and Mr. Farnsworth was in the second honor list. Edwin L. Harvey of Bethel received second prize in the sophomore prize declamation. Harry H. Nevers of Norway and Arthur G. Wiley of Bethel graduated from the medical school and received the degree of M. D.

Professor W. T. Hewett of Cornell University is to write and edit a history of the university which will be published next year. It will be truly a monumental work, appearing in four volumes, and will contain biographies of from ten to fifteen thousand students prepared with the co-operation of the Registrar's office. Professor Hewett published some years ago a preliminary study of the history of the university and has since been constantly accumulating valuable and interesting material from early documents and records. Among other unique records he has been permitted to examine Mr. Cornell's original letter-book containing copies of his letters written in the years in which he was planning the foundation of the university.

The Democrat received a renewal of subscription a few days since from a man who is probably the oldest subscriber on the list—Alden Chase of Bryant's Pond. He writes that this is his sixty-eighth annual subscription. Mr. Chase, who is one of the best known and most valued citizens of Oxford County, is, as our readers know, and has been for some months, confined to his bed. He was 84 years old the 5th of this month, and the quality of his citizenship may be inferred from the fact that one of his greatest sorrows has been not being able to go to town meeting last March, and that it was the first town meeting he had missed since he was old enough to vote. He has served his day and generation well, and in his present infirmity he has the sincere friendship of a host of people who have known and respected him for many years.

As Charles E. Burnham, 54 years of age, was walking on the Maine Central road on the 20th, near his home in Falmouth, he was killed by a train. He saw a freight train on the track on which he was walking and stepped on to the other track just in time to be struck by a passenger train which he did not see coming in the opposite direction. The engine of the passenger train struck him and threw him directly in front of the freight train which in turn threw him back again, this time fortunately falling between the tracks so that while he was killed his body was not run over and mangled. He leaves a widow and four children.

The following towns which have filed notices with the secretary of the state to the effect that they would take advantage of the good roads, namely Limestone, Patten, Orient, Stoneham, Jackson, Oxford, China, Litchfield, Ludlow, Amherst, New Limerick and Bethel, bring the total number up to 174, a gain of 68 over last year.

Wells passes its 250th birthday July 5, but will indulge in no elaborate celebration.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. H. Bishop, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Junior C. E. at 2:30 P. M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:30 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. Wednesday evening at 7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce, Mrs. O. A. Thayer, Mrs. J. M. Quinby and Mrs. E. G. Harlow attended the commencement exercises at Westbrook Seminary last week, where Miss Mary Pierce was a member of the graduating class.

Messrs. Hayford and Simpson of the Board of State Assessors, who were at the Hill over Wednesday night, say that the outlook for the hay crop is better in Paris Hill and vicinity than anywhere else they have been in the state.

Hon. Otis Hayford of Canton, a member of the Board of State Assessors', was the guest of Henry D. Hammond during his official stay in Paris.

Hon. John Lewis Childs and wife of Floral Park, N. Y., were calling on friends at Paris Hill last week.

Augustus L. Crocker, Esq., of Minneapolis, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. C. Snow, last week. Mr. Crocker came east at this time to attend the Bowdoin College commencement, from which institution he graduated in the class of '73, also to renew the scenes of his youth at Paris. He is the son of the late Hon. Thomas Crocker of this place and is actively engaged in business in the West. Mr. Crocker was for several years president of the Minneapolis Board of Trade.

The Ladies' Baptist Circle are arranging for their annual mid-summer fair to be held in Cummings Hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, August 12th. The ladies, both old and young, are invited to meet with Mrs. Bishop on Thursday, July 2d, at 2:30 o'clock, to talk over work.

The Misses Brinckle gave a barn party Friday afternoon, with various amusements.

Dr. and Mrs. Augustus S. Thayer of Portland were at O. A. Thayer's over Sunday.

Rev. H. O. Thayer of Portland, his daughter, Mrs. Andrews, of Englewood, N. J., and his son, Harvey Thayer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., called at Mrs. A. T. Forbes' one day last week.

Miss Hattie Hooper is at home from Boston for the vacation.

Mrs. Col. Morris and Frank B. Morris came to J. L. Chase's for the summer last week.

Miss Brown and Miss Mills have joined the family at Old Brick.

The Universalist Circle will give an entertainment at Academy Hall on Thursday evening of this week. The farce "Sugar and Cream" will be repeated. Stearns, Norsworthy and Young will furnish music for dancing. For further particulars see flyers.

A good audience attended the children's day concert of the Universalist Sunday School Sunday evening. The exercises consisted of singing and recitations by the school and individual scholars, and a short talk by the pastor. Three children were baptized by Rev. Mr. Little.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

School closed last week with a flag raising and interesting exercises by the school and others, followed by a sociable.

H. D. Tutt's spent a few days in Lewiston last week.

Herbert Record's full blooded dog has seven little pups which are four weeks old.

Mary Hilborn is stopping at W. E. Cooper's for a time.

Thayer Bros. bought a hog of A. O. Wheeler last week.

Wilson's Mills.

Cloudy weather with rain occasionally is now the weather record here, and all danger of forest fires past.

Vegetation has taken a new start but the hay crop cannot be otherwise than very light.

Frank Vincent of Milan is finishing off the church inside; a chimney has been built, and it will soon be ready for the inside furnishings. The three memorial windows, Lombard, Wilson, and Spalding, are very pretty and add much to the beauty of the church.

E. S. Bennett was at home from Bemis a few hours last week.

R. S. Bean, who is in poor health, has gone up the river for a rest.

Hebron.

Dr. and Mrs. Donham are at Lewiston this week attending the exercises at Bates. Their daughter, Miss Hazel Donham, is one of the graduates.

Mrs. Cordelia Everett is at Old Orchard for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cushman of Lynn, Mass., are the guests of Mrs. A. M. Richardson.

Mrs. Margaret Haskell, who has been very sick, was slightly better at last report.

Mr. W. A. Bartlett now rides out nearly every day, accompanied by his grandson, Master Fred Bartlett, of Boston.

During church last Sunday, Fred Marshall's horse got loose in the shed, and after cutting up various antics, went over the wall near Dr. Donham's. The wagon was destroyed.

Mrs. Martha LeBaron has been poorly for a week or two.

East Sumner.

We hear that the Sunday School pupils are to have an outing near North Pond on the Fourth of July. Also that there is to be a public gathering in Allen's grove near Swan Pond in Hartford on the same date.

The railroad company have about finished an extended job of grading near the station and up the line to Hartford.

E. P. Russell's new store and tenement building is covered in.

Jeff Russell and wife went last week on their annual trip to Bailey's Island.

Your reporter made his fifth annual trip to Poland Spring on Saturday.

The sweet corn prospect is not very encouraging just now, owing to the prevalence of cold, wet weather. The can makers are still at work and new floors are being laid in the husking sheds. The Minot Packing Company have one of the best plants in the state.

Lovell.

Mr. J. P. Cobb of Wilder, Vt., formerly of this town, has been here for a few days. He is on his return home from a trip of eight months in California and Washington, and is in excellent health.

Rev. W. H. Allison has arrived and will soon occupy the new cottage at the Center.

Irving E. Andrews of South Paris is here for a few days.

David Tripp of Steep Falls has been here in the interest of the Saco River Lumber Company, and also bought a horse of Horace S. Kimball.

Alice A. Stearns is home from Wellesley college, and Jessie A. Chapman from Fryeburg Academy.

Nellie E. Elliott is home from Fryeburg and Alice Elliott from Conway.

Preston Charles has put a new coach and horses on the Fryeburg and Lovell line, which is now well equipped for summer travel.

Mexico.

Anthony Turcotte has a very nice two story house nearly ready for occupancy. His lot is on the south side of Osgood Avenue, near F. P. Gleason's.

Carlton T. Gleason, formerly a merchant here, went "out west" thirty-three years ago. In 1875 he visited us. He has been in Colorado since his return, and is now superintendent of a mining company there. He again is visiting his old home after a continuous absence of twenty-seven years. During his absence his mother, his brothers Isaac E. and Joseph H. have died. An uncle when he left in 1875, to several of our people, he returns to find himself *great-great* uncle to several of the "kids" now playing in our streets. For thirty years he has been one of the Democrat's regular subscribers.

A children's concert Sunday evening was largely attended and the exercises first class.

West Paris.

Building operations are progressing. The new house near the church is to be a large double tenement one and will be an improvement to the street.

The basement of the new post office is already erected. The mason work is being done by Samuel Estes and son, and Mr. James Boyce and Emerson Curtis have charge of the carpenter work. We welcome every new advantage to our town.

The Paris Manufacturing Co. is also building a new store house and shipping room at the end of the three story building.

Mr. Henry Adams is stopping at C. H. Lane's and finishing off some attic rooms for Mr. Lane.

Mrs. I. F. Emmons is visiting relatives in Portland, Brunswick, and Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Porter of Boston are spending a two weeks' vacation with relatives in the vicinity.

Mrs. Dexter W. Gray is at the Maine General Hospital in Portland for treatment.

Dr. O. K. Yates was in Lynn, Mass., for two or three days of last week.

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. A. Judson Curtis of Dorchester, Mass., will be interested to know that a little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Rebecca Bryant is visiting her son, Mr. G. W. Bryant.

Mr. Charles Adams of Norway and Mr. Chase of South Paris are boarding at Mr. Albert Ryder's.

Miss Mabel Curtis has returned from Portland.

Allie Richardson has returned from the hospital much better, and it is expected that his recovery to health will be permanent.

Mr. Albert Bowker is again clerking for Frank Small and occasionally makes a horseback trip over Mr. Small's R. F. D. mail route on his pretty buckskin mare Bessie.

It is expected that there will be quite a celebration here next Saturday, July 4. Following is the program:

FORENOON.

7:00. Parade of horribles. For the best hit, two prizes, $3.00 and $2.00.
9:00. Flag raising in the centre of the village. Remarks by Rev. D. F. Nelson. Singing and music.
10:00. Three legged race. Two prizes $2.00 and $1.00.
10:30. Sack race. Two prizes, $2.00 and $1.00
11:00. Obstacle race. Two prizes, $2.00 and $1.00.
12:00 M. Dinner at Centennial Hall by Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church. Baked beans and brown bread, doughnuts, cakes and pies, and ice cream will be served.

AFTERNOON.

1:30. Base ball, West Paris vs. Mechanic Falls
4:30. 100 yards dash. Two prizes, $2.00 and $1.00.
5:00. Potato race. Two prizes, $2.00 and $1.00.

Music during the day by Bryant's Pond Cornet Band. In the evening a ball at Dunham's Hall.

Those not absent from the West Paris Primary school are as follows:

Laura Barden.	Lila Young.
Ethel Brock.	Clarence Hammond.
Maynard Chase.	Roy Young.
Leon Martin.	Robert Churchill.

JESSICA CURTIS, Teacher.

A brother and niece of Mr. and Miss Dana of Portland are visiting them.

Miss Katherine O'Donald has gone away from Miss Bradbury's.

About 50 members of Onward Rebekah Lodge visited Mount Pleasant Lodge at South Paris last Friday evening, returning at midnight on a special train. It was a most enjoyable occasion. A delicious supper was served at seven o'clock, and the evening devoted to an entertainment and the initation of four candidates. The work was splendidly exemplified by the South Paris lodge.

Rev. J. H. Little of South Paris preached an excellent memorial sermon for the grange yesterday at the Baptist church. He will preach for the Union Society next Thursday evening at the Baptist church at 7:30.

Rev. Mr. Potterton of New York will preach next Sunday at 3 P. M.

Peru.

The wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Conant, and the thirty-second anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conant, occurred at the Town Hall, Peru, on the evening of June 18th. Mr. A. B. Walker had charge of the programme. First was the presentation of the bride and groom to the company. After congratulations there were recitations by Nellie Harriman, Cora Gammon, Daisy Conant and Leonard Hall, and singing by Nina Turner, Willis Haines and Adna Knight. Treat was served afterward. The many friends present were thanked for the valuable and useful presents. Those for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conant were:

Oak rocking chair, by the grange.
Stand cover, by Mrs. Brown and family.
Silver spoon, Mr and Mrs. Ozroe Knight.
Berry dish, Mrs. L. J. Knight.
Napples, Mrs. M. F. and Mrs. S. Robinson.
Pair towels, Mrs. Etta Hall.

Those for Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Conant were:

Dinner set, by Rockemeka Grange and friends.
Stand, Rockemeka Grange.
Two bed comforters, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conant.
Bed spread, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stillman.
Pair towels, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Young.
Pair towels, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bassett.
Pair towels, Roy Harlow.
Pair towels, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Lunt.
Pair towels, Mrs. Etta Hall.
Pair towels, Miss Hooper.
Coffee pot, Daisy Conant.
One-half dozen table spoons, George H. Conant.
Cup, saucer and plate, Clarence Robinson.
Syrup set, Miss Mabel Miller.
Syrup pitcher, Herbert Abbott.
Cup and saucer, A. McKinney.
Glass set, Emerson and Ethel Irish.
Salt and pepper shakers, D. O. DeLano.
Salt and pepper shakers, Avon Getchell.
Table set, Grace Knox.
Glass pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Walker.
Bread and milk set, Mrs. Sabra Robinson.
Two cups and saucers, Miss Ada Gerrish.
Silver jelly knife, Clarence Oldham and Josie Conant.
Silver butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. Ozroe Knight
Two china plates, Julia French and Lillian Dyke.
China platter, G. Hodsdon.
Glass pickle dish, Miss Ethel Robinson.
Toothpick holder, Mildred Walker.
Glass cake plate, Mr and Mrs. Charles Chase.
Silver bread tray, Arthur Brown.
Fruit dish and fruit, Mr and Mrs. H. W. Babb.
Glass syrup pitcher, Pearl Miller.
Glass set and one-half dozen tumblers, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conant.
Custard pie plates and nappy, A. W. Knight
Glass set, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Walker.
Water set, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Barrett.
Parlor lamp, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rolls.
Glass pickle dish, Mrs. J. T. Getchell.
Lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turner.
Glass cake plate, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Putnam.
China plate, Alma Curtis.
Picture, Mrs. Brown and Celeste Brown.
China pitcher, Mrs. Miller.
China plate, Nina Turner.
China gravy boat, Iola and Alma Walker.
Crocheted needle book, Daisy Conant.

Misses Marion and Alice Hall are at home from Leavitt Institute, Turner, and Alfred Hall is at home from Tufts College.

Mrs. Emma Stillman is in Lewiston for a week's visit.

Clarence Robinson is at home from Hebron.

Daniel Stillman of Aroostook County is visiting his brothers in Peru.

School closes this week, the 26th.

Grange Hall progressing.

Oxford.

Rev. Mr. Callahan was unable to preach on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Penwarden from Casco was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Cyrus Hayes has returned from Idaho.

Charles Rich has sold his place on Pigeon Hill to Wm. Mayberry, and Lewis Smith has bought Mr. Mayberry's place.

Dr. Stevens, one of the stockholders in the local telephone company, gave a concert on the graphophone Sunday afternoon to all the patrons of the telephone in this and other towns.

The village schools closed Friday, June 19th.

Married in New York, Tuesday, June 23d, Mr. Samuel H. T. Hayes of Baltimore, formerly of Oxford, and Miss Grace Elizabeth Parsons of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes will visit at the home of his father, Mr. C. S. Hayes, and will be at home after Oct. 1st at The Brexton at Baltimore.

Sumner.

Mrs. Julia Bowker is quite poorly.

Willie Andrews is on the sick list.

W. E. Bowker has been having a sick time with carbuncles on his neck.

Hattie Varney is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Washington Heald at, North Buckfield.

School closed the 21st, after a very profitable term taught by Dot Heald of West Sumner.

Mrs. Lydia Varney went to Haverhill, Mass., Saturday, to attend the funeral of her son Colby's wife.

Albert Ames and family of South Paris visited Mrs. Ames' sister, Mrs. W. E. Bowker, recently.

Buckfield.

The W. C. T. U. recently met and adjourned for the season.

The Nezinscot History Club met Tuesday at the Baptist vestry, chose officers, served an eat and adjourned till fall. The same day the Buckfield Literary Club met with Mrs. Gilbert Tilton.

Mrs. F. A. Taylor went to Brockton Monday, where her husband has a situation.

Inspector Norton of the R. F. D. department was in town Monday.

John Lewis Childs of Floral Park, N. Y., accompanied by wife, son and daughter, and Mr. Davies, a friend, arrived the 21st inst., and are guests at Hotel Long.

One solid week of plays at Nezinscot Hall culminated Saturday night. It was an advertising scheme, and was well attended. Monday night Lucier's minstrels occupied the hall.

The little steamer Oiwassa has gone back to its more congenial element at North Pond. The Nezinscot waters were too unreliable.

Stanley Benson has moved into the Methodist parsonage.

Wm. Cushman has gone to Massachusetts to visit friends. He has closed his house.

Bert Fisk of Boston is visiting his uncle, J. A. Rawson, and family.

Benj. Lawton, who graduated at Hebron last term, is visiting his grandparents, G. A. and Mrs. Gerrish.

Bert Austin of Deering is visiting relatives in town.

Dr. Wm. P. Bridgham, 87, has split two cords of wood that the hired man condemned.

John Lewis Childs and his people went to Rumford Falls the 24th, intending to return home to Floral Park the 27th.

Thos. Stearns of Cambridge, Mass., was in town the 24th.

Miss Abbie Keen is in ill health.

June 20, Mountain Grange celebrated its second anniversary with an all-day meeting, dinner and much speaking. Canton, Turner, East Hebron and East Sumner granges were represented. Prof. Bateman and Boynton Bearce, overseer of the State Grange, were speakers from abroad. 170 sat down to dinner, and others came later.

Charles thinks the cuckoos have struck for the low lands.

Telepathy did the business for that persistent hen. The last time I returned her to her quarters I thought thus: "Try it again and you die." That did the business.

Winchester Carey of Salem, Mass., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Gertrude Heald.

With a box of strawberries a fellow can attract more women on the street than can a professional masher.

Credit Fred Warren and wife with a 9 pound daughter, born June 24.

Vegetation is in a dazed condition.

Bryant's Pond.

The grammar school closed Friday, June 19th, Miss Ada Briggs of West Paris teaching a profitable and successful term. Miss Briggs is one of the best of teachers and believing that "Order is Heaven's first law," she carries out the principle in her school. One of the pupil's parents being called to the schoolhouse while the school was in session, remarked afterward, "Why, you would never know school was keeping, it was so still there." We hope Miss Briggs will return in the fall.

In the evening, at the close of the school, the school league had a nice little entertainment at the school house, consisting of recitations and graphophone music. Ice cream and cake were sold during the evening, the proceeds to be used making necessary improvements in the ante-room. A duet was sung by Robert Johnson and Miss Jessie Tolman, with encore. The evening's amusement closed with a peanut race.

The regular meeting of Jefferson Chapter, No. 89, comes on July 3d. As there is degree work all members are requested to be present. The chapter will be instituted and the officers installed in the evening of July 10th, by Mr. and Mrs. J. Libby of Mechanic Falls.

Lucier's Minstrels gave a first-class entertainment to a full house Wednesday evening, June 24th.

We are sorry to report Mr. Frank M. Cole, Mr. Alden Chase, and Mrs. Angie Berry not much improved in health.

Mrs. Mamie Crockett is recovering slowly from the operation she underwent at the Maine General Hospital.

Mrs. Ardelia Curtis is in poor health, but her symptoms are favorable for a return of her usual good health.

Miss Essie Bowker returned home the 28th from Malden, Mass., where she has been attending school.

Bryant's Pond juvenile base ball club went to West Paris the 20th to engage in a match game with the juveniles there. The game resulted in a score of 10 to 4 in favor of West Paris, but the boys said the West Paris club had three men in their team, and they did not engage to play with men. The return game will be played here the 27th with only juveniles.

One of Leon Cushman's cows presented him with triplets this week—not as promising as it would be if the prospect was better for a good hay crop.

B. M. Fernald of West Poland was in town this week.

Charles Swan is building him a new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hill went to Oxford Saturday and remained over Sunday, visiting their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cushman are rejoicing at the arrival of a little son, born Monday. Mrs. Cushman is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Martha Davis is stopping with her son Ronello and family.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford of Rumford Falls will preach at the Baptist church July 5th.

Arthur Peverley of Boston is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Peverley's.

The postmaster received a pleasant call this week from Mr. Faunce of Oxford, one of the county commissioners.

Dell Cole, mail carrier of Rural Free Delivery No. 1, came out this week with a new mail carriage.

Dr. Potterton of Rhode Island will preach at the Universalist church July 5th at 10:30 o'clock.

Our superintendent of schools, Mrs. Stella Bacon, has completed her work visiting schools this year. Mrs. Bacon conducts the work as superintendent in a faithful and thorough manner, enjoying it and taking a great interest in bettering the condition of the schools.

Bryant's Pond Cornet Band are engaged to play at West Paris for the Fourth of July celebration.

Mrs. Kelly returned home to West Jonesport Friday, her daughter, Mrs. Allen, accompanying her to Portland.

Mrs. Warren Tibbetts of Lewiston was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Dudley a few days last week.

Greenwood.

Returned home and up to the table again writing these locals. Knew nothing of the death of John Littlefield till my return home, otherwise I should have deferred my visit and attended his funeral.

Charles B. Brooks has visited his sister, Elvira Herrick of Gray, and also his son, Rev. C. A. Brooks of Yarmouth. He reports his sister as just alive when there. His daughter, Fannie Brooks, is with her sister, Mrs. John Howe of Bethel, who is again on the sick list.

Rossie Merrill has two baby flying squirrels about the size of a field mouse. They will partake of their rations of milk as often as the folks care to feed them, being apparently resolved to live, although deprived of a mother. They are very pretty little pets.

The amount of game shot on the place this week up to date, consists of one weasel and three woodchucks. One of the latter was minus a foot, and it is remembered that about one year ago a woodchuck was caught in a trap, but regained his liberty by leaving that much of himself behind. A hedgehog was shot not long since with the whole of one hind leg missing.

Norway Lake.

Mrs. Ellen Pottle and Bern Pottle of Lynn, Mass., are visiting at F. E. Pottle's.

Mrs. J. S. Kneeland is visiting relatives at Mechanic Falls.

Mrs. E. E. Welch has gone to Paris to visit a short time.

Arthur and Mary Delano of Massachusetts have been visiting at C. A. Stephens'.

The Norway Lake Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Boober, July 1st, if the weather permits.

Bethel.

Rev. Mr. Colson, who has received a call from the Universalist Society, occupied the pulpit last Sunday.

Mrs. Jones, who has spent several summers in Bethel, is at Mrs. J. C. Billings'.

Mr. John Swan, a former resident of Bethel, but now of South Framingham, Mass., has been in Bethel and sold his residence on Railroad Street to Mr. Atherton of Newry.

Miss Sarah Mason has closed her term of school at Machias and will soon return to her home in Bethel.

Tuesday afternoon the W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Ira Jordan. After the usual routine of business a letter was read from Mrs. Martha Chapman who is visiting friends in Massacusetts and gave a most interesting account of the work of the Essex County W. C. T. U. Mrs. O. M. Mason who spent the winter in California gave an interesting chapter of her travels.

Thursday the closing exercises in the Primary and Miss Twaddle's room took place. The exercises were most creditable to teachers and pupils. A class of twelve were promoted from Miss Richardson's room. Friday afternoon the closing exercises of the Grammar school took place in Miss Jennie Gibson's room. A class of seven were graduated and their work showed the faithfulness of the teacher and the earnest efforts of the pupils.

Superintendent Hastings has been at Bowdoin a part of the week attending the commencement of his alma mater.

Among the graduates at Bowdoin were George B. Farnsworth and Robert C. Bisbee of Bethel.

Mrs. Gehring and party attended the graduation of her son Mr. Farnsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Bisbee and daughter went to Brunswick during the graduation of their son Robert. Arthur G. Riley received his degree from the medical department.

Lucier's Minstrels played in Odeon Hall Thursday evening to a good audience. This company is a favorite with the entertainment going public here.

No special preparation has been made for a celebration on July 4th.

East Hebron.

Garden seeds have started finely the past week, and all may have better crops than expected, if the rain falls as it has the past week.

Some citizens are hoeing and others are planting the second time.

Mrs. Jennie Record was in the place last Saturday.

Eva DeCoster of West Minot, formerly a clerk in a store at the Station, was in the place last Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Pierce is visiting friends in Lewiston this week. Her daughter Rena has charge of the work, and is a fine little housekeeper.

Mrs. Stephen Curtis passed away Monday morning at the age of 84 years. She was the oldest daughter of Jacob Read and wife of Minot. She died in the home Mrs. of T. L. Rogers, the only remaining one of the family, Mrs. Wm. Howard, having been called away from earthly scenes many years since.

Fred Packard has not returned from Massachusetts, where he has been on a visit with his daughter, now in school in Lynn.

H. D. Phillips is with his brother learning telegraphy—H. B. Phillips, our East Hebron station agent.

Fred Keen, and wife have a fine, plump son since June 22d.

Miss Ruth Ashe of Portland was brought to her old home on Snell's Hill and buried with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ashe.

The East Oxford Local Union of Christian Endeavor Societies held its yearly meeting with the Free Baptist Society on Tuesday, the 23d. A large delegation was present, and a good meeting enjoyed by those present.

Arthur Dow was called to Auburn on Tuesday for selling Grip Cure to a chap. The result has not arrived.

Hiram.

On June 17, Mr. Sewell Parker of East Hiram became intoxicated and went into the street and attacked a peaceable citizen who was passing by. He also attacked Mr. Albert Jewell, his brother-in-law, bruising his head badly, and knocking out one of his teeth. He was arrested by Sheriff Flint and tried before Trial Justice Llewellyn A. Wadsworth, who sentenced him to thirty days' imprisonment. He appealed and procured bonds. He was formerly from South Paris.

Miss Addie Clough is very low with consumption.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Lewis are the happy parents of a fine boy, Irving Charles, born recently, it being their first born.

The selectmen are repairing the covered bridge at Hiram village with new floor timbers and floor.

Lieut. John W. Hubbard, a member of the Capitol Police, Washington, D. C., is passing his vacation with his family at the Mansfield House. He is ill from acute indigestion.

The postmaster-general has given notice that Wadsworth post office in Hiram shall be discontinued on June 30th. The mail of its present patrons will be sent to Hiram post office and will be delivered after June 30th by Rural Free Delivery, Route No. 1, Charles S. Lowell, carrier, Isaac S. Lowell, substitute.

Mr. Eli C. Wadsworth is building an addition to his cottage to accommodate his increasing list of boarders.

Mr. B. F. Jewell of Sebago is now mail carrier from Hiram to East Hiram and is employed at the Mt. Cutler House.

Dickvale.

The Dickvale school closed with a public examination June 26, Miss Elsie Dolloff of North Yarmouth, teacher.

Mrs. Hannah Bowker is reported as improving in health.

Potatoes have rotted badly in the ground.

R. S. Tracy has a good fashioned sucking colt from his Knox mare Topsy, by Westland.

Mrs. Almeda Richardson has a hydrangea which when recently in full bloom, had forty-two clusters of blossoms.

Miss Florence Richardson is caring for Mrs. J. H. Lovejoy while Mrs. A. B. Walker goes home for a short time.

There will be but few apples in this vicinity.

Newry.

Ed Chapman, of North Newry, was quite badly injured while fencing a few days ago. A large branch of a tree hit him in the face with great violence, leaving a very disagreeable wound.

The cold rainy weather is badly affecting people who are rheumaticky. Many are complaining of its effects.

The little daughter of Willie Widbur, who resides in Portland, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Widbur. She has been quite ill and Dr. Twaddle is attending her.

Mrs. Mary Foster is visiting her son Clifton in Bethel.

J. S. Allen has had a crew cutting and peeling poplar in the woods. In making a thorough investigation he found one lonely apple on a tree in his large orchard.

North Stoneham.

Fred Warren of East Stoneham is working for Wm. Gammon.

W. W. Durgin has gone to Stow to visit his sister, Mrs. Martha Barrows.

Mrs. Watson McAllister and children from Waterford are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sawyer, this week.

Will Culbert has let the Hut to a party from Massachusetts. He will move the family into their other house for the summer.

While H. B. McKeeen was at work in the woods peeling poplar, splitting the bark with a double bitted axe, the axe glanced and cut his left thumb quite badly.

Brownfield.

The ladies of the Universalist circle gave an entertainment Saturday evening at Bean's Hall. Ice cream and cake were served to all who wanted.

The funeral of Mrs. Warren Stover occurred this afternoon, Thursday. She had been sick quite a long time and a great sufferer. The family have the sympathy of all.

The grammar and primary schools closed to-day.

Miss Mary Wentworth is very feeble.

Mrs. Mabel Swan is very sick, also her father, Mr. Welch.

Fryeburg.

The graduating exercises were held in the Congregational Church June 23d at 2:30 P. M.

Our young people are all at home for the summer from their several colleges.

Mr. Herbert Spring of Boston was the guest of his sister, Mrs. George Page, during commencement.

Mrs. Mary Webster Powers of Ridgeway, Penn., and Mrs. Abbie Tenney of Boston are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pike.

Miss Ruth Goodnow is able to be out again.

Senator Frye was in town recently.

Miss Davis of Hiram was the guest of Mrs. Adams during commencement.

Mrs. Caroline Ruggles of Ridgeway, Penn., and Miss Carrie Webster of Worcester are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Webster.

North Paris.

M. D. Brown and wife who have been stopping at A. J. Abbott's for a while go to Boston July 4th for a week, after which they will return for a stay of several weeks. Miss Clara Berry will go to Boston with them. Mr. Brown will canvass several counties for Rand, McNally & Company, publishers of maps, globes, and text books.

James Ross has returned from P. E. Island where he has been for several weeks.

A. J. Abbott has taken the roof off the old cider mill and put on a story and a half with a basement for tools and two floors for hens.

W. E. Abbott of Bethel and George A. Abbott of South Paris were at their father's Sunday, June 21st.

Denmark.

Miss Mary Toby of Boston is spending a few weeks' vacation with Mr. S. T. Jewett and daughter, Mrs. Ida McCawley.

Mr. Webster Davis is at home to pass his vacation from Fryeburg Academy.

Mr. James E. Ingalls has taken the mail route from East Denmark to Browfield for the rest of the term, two years, in place of Mr. Walter Berry.

Mr. Fred Sanborn has his lower mill almost completed and will soon start making dowels.

The committee of repairs on Odd Fellows Hall have finished their work. A new stage, curtain fixtures, etc., have been added, the hall sheathed etc., making as fine a hall as there is in this section.

East Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Keen attended the graduating exercises of Bridgton High School the 18th, Lewis L. Keen being one of the graduates. Myron Keen came from Lancaster, Mass., at that time and has since been visiting in this town.

Mrs. L. M. Sanderson, Arthur and Josephine, are attending Bates Commencement. Burton W. Sanderson is one of the graduates and will probably return home with them the last of the week.

Mrs. Emma Knight's aunt from Biddeford is visiting her.

Mason.

The Oxford Democrat.

SOUTH PARIS.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Commencing June 14, 1903,

TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down (east)—4:51 A. M., (daily, Sundays included), 9:20 A. M., 4:20 P. M. Sunday only, 6:00 P. M.

Going up (west)—10:00 A. M., 3:38 P. M., 10:15 P. M., (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 10:22 A. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church. Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., pastor. Preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sunday School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 P. M.; Church prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All, not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

Methodist Church, Rev. A. W. Pottle, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6:15 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening

Baptist Church, Rev. H. S. Pinkham, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 2:30 P. M., in New Hall. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Paris Lodge, No. 94. Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings, Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in Relief Corps Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, from May 1 to Oct. 1, meets second and fourth Saturday; during the remainder of the year, meets every Saturday, in Grange Hall.

U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Pythian Hall.

Modern Woodmen of America.—South Paris Camp, No. 9367, meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in Golden Cross Hall.

Mrs. Cora Howe is with relatives at Freeport for a time.

Miss Beatrice Rawson has returned home for the summer vacation.

Mr. Howland and family are at Mountain View Farm for a short stay.

Harold Anderson is on a few weeks' visit to relatives in Massachusetts.

William L. Gray is repairing and remodeling his house on Pleasant Street.

Mrs. Glover is putting new two-light windows in her house on Pleasant Street.

Charles H. Howard attended commencement at Bowdoin, his *alma mater*, Thursday.

Master Willie Sawyer of Auburn has been visiting his friend, Shirley Rawson, for a week.

Wendell Rounds, '04, is at home from Bates, and is in Stone's drug store at Norway for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonney of Sumner were guests of Mrs. J. D. Haynes last Wednesday.

Miss Helen Barnes was a guest of Miss Mildred Ham at her Norway Lake cottage a few days last week.

Mrs. Rose H. Powers has returned from Dover, where she has been in a millinery establishment during the season.

The work of laying the water main on Pine Street was begun Tuesday morning, and has progressed well during the week.

Mrs. D. N. True, who has been visiting old friends in town for a few weeks, returned to her home in New Gloucester, last Wednesday.

Mrs. O. W. Ellingwood of Bethel has visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. M. Howard, for a few days. Mr. Ellingwood was also here for a short time last week.

About twenty from the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Congregational and Baptist churches attended the meeting of the East Oxford Local Union at East Hebron last Tuesday.

Samuel Morse and family of Minneapolis are visiting his mother, Mrs. Ann G. Morse, and other relatives here for two or three weeks. Elisha M. Stevens of Lynn, Mass., was here with them for a few days last week.

Elsewhere in this paper is a very full general story of the recent disastrous flood in Kansas City, Mo. It is written by a former Oxford County man, and gives a very clear and graphic account of the conditions which permitted the damage, and of the progress and results of the flood. All will find it interesting.

The Universalist parish meeting which was adjourned to meet at the church Tuesday evening will be readjourned to Engine House Hall, where the business will be transacted. The special business is to hear report of the building committe, also hear any report as to the expense of finishing the church and see about raising funds for the same.

Next Sunday the Universalists will begin services in the new church, meeting at the usual hour, 2:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Praise meeting at 7 P. M. It will be the regular quarterly communion, and an appropriate, partial dedication of the church. There will be a reception of members into the church. All of our friends are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. T. J. Ramsdell and children returned from their visit here to their home in Caribou some ten days since. On the day after her arrival home, Mrs. Ramsdell was very pleasantly surprised by a reception given her, without previous notice, by some sixty ladies of the parish, at the church parlors. In token of their esteem for Mrs. Ramsdell, they presented her with a handsome tea set.

Next Saturday is the Fourth of July. That statement occasions no surprise, but the reason for referring to it now is that it will be a holiday in the Democrat office. It is extremely inconvenient to have a holiday come on Saturday, but the calendar so decrees it this year. The Democrat force will positively not work on that day, and the forenoon will be no longer than usual on Monday, so we would request all who have anything for insertion in the paper to bear the fact in mind, and get their matter in as early as possible.

"What's going on in the grange today?" "I don't know, but there were a lot of them got off the train." This is a sample of some of the conversation that was heard around the station after the arrival of the down train Wednesday morning. It proved that what had attracted attention was the assessors of the several towns who had come to South Paris to meet the state assessors. There may be a hint in the incident as to the place the grange occupies in the community, when the assembled fathers of their respective towns are collectively recognized by the public as Grangers.

The Democrat received a pleasant call last week from Prof. Myron J. Abbey, now a member of the faculty of the Academy of Northwestern University at Evanston, Ills. Prof. Abbey is a graduate of Hebron Academy, Class of '98. During his present stay in the east he is engaged in giving publicity to the Fisk Anniversary, which will take place at Evanston in October of the present year, when Dr. H. F. Fisk will complete his thirtieth year as Principal of the Academy of Northwestern University. This Academy now occupies Fisk Hall, a $75,000 building, erected through the generosity of Mr. William Deering, formerly of South Paris, and named in honor of Dr. Fisk's honorable service to the institution. More than seven thousand young people have been enrolled in this institution. The school represents in its history an epitome of the educational life and progress of the West. Some seven thousand invitations to the Fisk Anniversary have been or will be sent out. Among others, Prof. William E. Sargent, principal of Hebron Academy will participate as one of the speakers for the occasion. Our own townsman, Mr. William Deering, is president of the Board of Trustees of this institution, hence it has more than ordinary interest for the people of this section.

Miss Lena Leighton has gone to Calais for the summer.

Irving E. Andrews and family are visiting in Lovell.

Main's circus drew quite a number to Lewiston Saturday.

Mrs. Georgie Keough of Auburn is a guest at L. B. Carter's for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy DeCoster of Lynn, Mass., are guests at George Cutting's.

Miss Ella J. Libby of Brookline, Mass., has been with relatives here for the past ten days.

Miss Maud Carter is at home for the vacation from Braintree, Mass., where she teaches.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Little attended the field day meeting of the grange at Canton Saturday.

Miss Mabel G. Hathaway is at home from her teaching in Quincy, Mass., for the summer vacation.

J. A. Kenney and wife and W. L. Blood and family spent a few days at Weld Pond last week.

F. E. Douglas and wife of Hopedale, Mass., are spending a two weeks' vacation with relatives here.

Harry M. Gerry and wife of Providence, R. I., former residents of South Paris, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Lena Hicks, a former assistant in the high school, has been spending a few days with her father, B. F. Hicks.

There will be baptism and the reception of members and the holy communion next Sabbath at the Methodist church.

Hon. George Pottle, one of the state assessors, and his wife, took dinner with his brother, the Rev. A. W. Pottle, Wednesday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the Methodist vestry Thursday afternoon, July 2d, at 3 o'clock. Mothers are especially invited.

C. W. Bowker and wife and daughter Muriel have been with Mrs. Bowker's parents, John F. Stanley and wife, at Auburn fish hatchery for a few days.

There will be a business meeting of the Epworth League this Monday evening at Lyman S. Merrill's to further arrangements for the district convention to be held in the Methodist church July 8-9.

The state assessors were in session here Wednesday, to meet the assessors of the several towns, investigate their manner of assessment, give them suggestions, &c. There was an unusually good attendance of the local assessors.

Percy Nevers of Norway will manage a base ball tournament at the fair grounds on the Fourth of July. The contesting clubs are Norway, Oxford, Harrison, and Lewiston Volunteers. First game in the forenoon, and the other two in the afternoon.

The picnic at Comrade Bolster's last Thursday proved to be a very pleasant occasion. In spite of the rain about fifty members of the Post and Relief Corps sat down to a bountiful supper. The evening was spent in singing army songs and listening to army stories told by the veterans.

Mrs. A. P. Dodge, after a week's stay at Mr. Stowe's, left for her home in West Acton, Mass., on Friday. Miss Mattie E. Hersey from Somers, Conn., arrived here the same day where she will spend as much of her vacation as possible on account of the sickness of her aunt, Mrs. Stowe, for whom Mrs. I. D. Cummings is in charge as nurse.

Speaking of bees, a South Paris bee keeper was in luck a few days since. While he was at work on his bees, taking out the queen cells to prevent further swarming, he heard a buzzing in one of his apple trees near by, and investigating, found a swarm of bees settling in it, and awaiting until they had all arrived, gathered in a bunch of about four quarts of buzzers. Tisn't every man who can pick bees right in his own dooryard.

It was a very lively night Friday with Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, when they entertained something like a hundred visitors from the lodges at West Paris, Buckfield and Canton. Supper was served to the visitors in Grand Army Hall at 6:30. There was degree work, music by an orchestra, and readings by Frank L. Starbird. The evening was well employed until nearly midnight, the special on which the West Paris lodge returned leaving at 12 o'clock.

Rev. H. O. Thayer has been visiting relatives at South Paris for a few days. Mr. Thayer is a native of Paris, son of the late Ziba Thayer. He is a member of the Maine Historical Society, and a well-known authority in matters of Maine history. Several of his communications to the Democrat have shed light on points in the history of Oxford County. For a number of years he has been in Portland, but he now goes to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will be with his son and daughter. Part of Mr. Thayer's children have also been here a few days—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Andrews of Englewood, N. J., and Harvey Thayer of the faculty of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

The bi-centennial of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist denomination, was observed Sunday in the Methodist church with appropriate exercises. In the morning a paper was read by Mrs. E. E. Chapman on the parentage, birthplace and early childhood of Wesley. Mrs. A. W. Pottle read a paper on the school days and early ministry of John Wesley, and the pastor of the church gave a short discourse on the influence and significance of his life and ministry. In the evening the exercises were continued and papers were presented by Mrs. Benjamin Swett on the condition of England in Wesley's time. Miss Myra Richards read a paper, the estimates of Wesley's work by cotemporaneous and later writers, and Mrs. Harry Morton gave a paper on the growth and present status of the Methodist movement. The papers were of a high order and spoke well for the ability and faithfulness of those presenting them. The exercises were interspersed with good music. The choir consisted of Mrs. Burnham organist, Miss Gray soprano, Mrs. Pottle alto, Messrs. Burnham and Stuart tenor, and Messrs. Brown and Millett basso.

BISCOE DISTRICT.

Geo. A. Chapman went to Bethel Thursday.

Walter Penley of Greenwood was in this place recently.

Mrs. C. R. Penley visited at Geo. S. Boutelle's one day last week.

Jessica Curtis has closed her school at West Paris and returned home.

John Bennett has sold his gray horse to E. N. Haskell of South Paris.

Laforest Whitman and wife of Hebron visited at Will Foster's last week.

The school has been closed because of the measles. There are still a few cases.

Mr. Pinkham and daughter Aggie of Bolster's Mills have been visiting at Prentiss Crockett's. Mrs. Welch of Norway Lake is also visiting there.

The Young People's Aid and Mission Society held a conference at the school house Saturday and Sunday. There were five ministers present and a large attendance is reported.

The Biscoe C. E. society will have its annual Fourth of July picnic next Saturday in Hammond's Grove at Snow's Falls. There will be a baked-bean dinner and a good program is being arranged. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

The Curtis Hill and Paris Telephone and Telegraph Co. have extended their wires to South Paris. The poles are set over Elm Hill ready for the wires. L. S. Swan and T. J. Judkins, V. S., put in their instruments last week. There will be a switch at P. M. Holden's to connect with the Pleasant Valley line.

Races Reopened.

The 2:25 and 2:40 stake races of the Riverside Park Driving Association at Bethel did not fill and are reopened until July 4.

Linen dusters for driving, F. H. Noyes Co.

NORWAY.

Norway boys are now sorry they cancelled the Fourth of July celebration on account of the dry weather.

W. G. Morgan, who purchased the Charles Bean place in Northwest Norway, marketed peas in the village Friday, June 19th. He raised several bushels.

The farmers report a very good crop of hay if the cutting is postponed a few days. The rains have accomplished much so far.

Dr. H. L. Bartlett, A. J. Stearns, A. E. Stearns of Rumford Falls and Dr. H. P. Jones of Norway, enjoyed a delightful fishing trip to Stoneham, Tuesday.

Charles H. Wyman of Paris was arraigned in the Municipal Court this week charged with overloading and beating his horses. He pleaded guilty and was fined $5 and costs. Upon payment of costs sentence was suspended and repondent discharged.

Among those who attended the Portland celebration of St. John's Day were Dr. Fred Drake, L. I. Gilbert and Dr. Bial F. Bradbury.

Rev. J. A. Libby, Rev. A. H. Ericson and Rev. A. H. Kearney are holding meetings, second Advent, at the tent on the lot near Edwards' store, on Beal Street. The meetings commenced Monday evening and will continue a week or ten days.

Porter Swift, Norway High School, class '03, has secured a position on the Fitchburg railroad.

George R. Howe and George L. Noyes took a party of young men to Stoneham for a week's outing and study of natnre Saturday. The party consisted of Vico Isola, Freeland Morrison, Robley Morrison, Vivian Akers, Winfield Kimball, Clark True, Harold Anderson, Carl Mixer and Don Smith.

J. O. Crooker is making some repairs on the stairs and covering at the Public Library rooms.

Horace and Ellett Sanborn of Portland were in town a few days last week. They are in business at Portland.

Rev. H. C. Wilson of Lewiston is in town organizing a branch of the Royal Arcanum. He is reported as having excellent success.

Ralph I. Osgood of the Lowell, Mass., High School is enjoying his vacation with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sanborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Stearns are in Portland with relatives for a ten days, visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dresser of Sweden visited at Deputy Sheriff Cross' during the week.

Edward Cotton and Alice Smith of Colby, May Thibodeau and Alice Frost of Bates, Bertha Mann of Tufts and Harold Bean of Farmington Normal School are home for their vacation.

The east side of the high school lot is being cleared of bushes and will be carefully graded and greatly beautified.

Mrs. Frank L. DeCoster and daugher are visiting her husband at Yarmouth, where Mr. DeCoster is at work in the shoe factory.

Dr. Harry Nevers is stopping with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nevers.

Alfred Leferrier, instructor at Hebron Academy, is enjoying his summer vacation with his parents in this village.

Martin Rideout and daughter Carrie Rideout have visited at Rev. B. S. Rideout's for a few days.

James Baker of New Sharon has leased the Bridge Street blacksmith shop of John M. Cummings.

Rev. John A. Harding of Warner, N. H., is with his family in town for a few days. They are enjoying life at the farm.

Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. E. Angell, assisted by Rev. F. W. O'Brien of Bath, married Frieda Helma Schnuer and Frank Alden Baker. The marriage ceremony took place at the bride's home on Greenleaf Avenue. Mrs. Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schnuer. She graduated from Norway High School and for some time has been employed in the office of the Radcliffe Shoe Company. The groom is a highly respected young man of Bath and holds an excellent position with the ship building firm of Kelley, Spear & Co. Mr. and Mrs. Baker left on the afternoon train for a short tour before going to their Bath home. The presents were numerous and very pretty.

Chas. W. Brooks is the new clerk at O. P. Brooks' meat market.

D. L. Joscelyn is visiting his brother Charles in Beverly for a time.

Mrs. Albert Thompson, her daughter Maud and company are stopping at Rock Island for the season.

A few of Norway's taxpayers are:

	Town	Corp.
C. B. Cummings & Sons,	$769 60	$189 69
Oxford Light Company,	720.00	178.20
Norway Water Company,	364.50	90.00
A. F. Andrews & Sons,	314.13	80.33
F. W. Sanborn,	280.69	69.72
C. L. Hathaway,	278.80	67.23
Norway Building Association,	270.90	67.73
S. I. Millett heirs,	246.15	50 18
C. N. Tubbs,	237.89	58.80
Norway Shoe Shop,	180.00	45.00
C. A. Stephens,	154.96	—
F. A. Danforth,	149.65	35.84
H. B. Foster,	146.05	37.19

There will be services at Christ Church, Norway, on the first Sunday in July at 10:30 A. M., and until further notice.

Base Ball.

The Norway team met the Lewiston Volunteers at the fair grounds Saturday, and defeated them by a score of 16 to 2. The Lewistons lost on account of their inability to hit Shaw's pitching—two base hits being the extent of their batting, while Norway was able to make fifteen hits with a total of 21 bases off F. Sutten. The features of the game were the one-hand catch of F. Sutten of a hot liner, and the work of Cushman, both in the field and at the bat.

NORWAY.

	A.B.	R.	B.H	P.O.	A.	E.
Cushman, c f	5	4	4	4	0	0
Shaw, p	6	2	2	0	4	0
Wilson, l f	4	1	1	1	0	0
Bonney, 1-b	5	1	2	8	0	1
Pike, 2-b	5	0	0	1	1	1
Lowell, 3-b	5	2	2	1	1	1
Jones, s.s	5	2	2	0	3	0
Hayes, r f	3	0	0	1	0	0
Vendette, c	5	1	1	11	1	0
Gammon, r f	2	1	1	0	0	0
Totals,	45	16	15	27	10	3

LEWISTON.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
McDrake, 1-b	3	0	1	10	1	0
Joyce, s.s.	3	1	0	2	1	2
F. Sutten, p.	4	1	1	1	4	0
Breen, l f.	4	0	0	1	0	2
A. Sutten, 3-b	4	0	0	5	1	1
Haley, 2-b	3	0	0	0	2	1
Jutas, c	3	0	0	4	1	0
O'Connell, c f	3	0	0	1	0	1
Cunton, r f	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals,	30	2	2	24	10	7

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9—Total.
Norway,	3	3	3	0	3	4	0	1	x—16
Lewiston,	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0—2

Base on balls by Shaw 0, by Sutten 3. Hit by pitched ball, Shaw 2, Sutten 0. Struck out by Shaw 10, by Sutten 5. Two-base hits, Cushman, Lowell, Jones 2. Three-base hit, Gammon.

HIS LAST HOPE REALIZED.

[From the Sentinel, Gebo, Mont.]

In the first opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1889, the editor of this paper was among the many seekers after fortune who made the big race one fine day in April. During his traveling about and afterwards his camping upon his claim, he encountered much bad water, which, together with the severe heat, gave him a very severe diarrhœa which it seemed almost impossible to check, and along in June the case became so bad he expected to die. One day one of his neighbors brought him one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhœa Remedy as a last hope. A big dose was given him while he was rolling about on the ground in great agony, and in a few minutes the dose was repeated. The good effect of the medicine was soon noticed and within an hour the patient was taking his first sound sleep for a fortnight. That one little bottle worked a complete cure, and he cannot help but feel grateful. The season for bowel disorders being at hand suggests this item. For sale by Shurtleff & Co., E. P. Parlin, South Paris; Stevens, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

The accidental shooting season has opened in the Maine woods. The first victim is Horace Fleisher, a wealthy Philadelphia man, who was shot by a member of his party at a camp on Portage Lake.

Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot ease, a powder. It cures painful, smarting, nervous feet and ingrowing nails, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Written for the Oxford Democrat.

The Great Flood at Kansas City, Mo.

A brief description of the topography of the vicinity of this city will help the reader understand better the extent and damage of the flood.

Those who have good maps at hand can turn to them and see just how the rivers flow by this city. To those who do not care to take the trouble, let them stand with the left side to the north, and bend the left arm at right angles. This arm will represent the Missouri River, with the upper arm being the north part of the stream, and the forearm the same river after making its turn eastward.

Imagine another arm bent as the Missouri, only the upper part extending due west and the hand reaching the bend of the Missouri at the point of its elbow. This is the Kansas or Kaw river. Its length from the Missouri to its elbow joint is about four miles. Its entire length is about four hundred miles.

Along this part of both rivers the land is divided into two distinct classes, known in common parlance as bottoms and highlands, the dividing line being steep high bluffs, between which the rivers choose their course in a very crooked channel, coursing along the foot of the bluff, first on one side of the valley, then the other.

The valley of the Kaw makes a break in the line of the bluffs of the Missouri, and forms a valley about three to four miles wide. A few rods east of its present mouth is the state line, running due south. This makes two civil municipalities of one commercial city, one Kansas City, in Missouri, the other in Kansas, but so joined in business interests that a stranger would not be able to discern the line that establishes two civil governments. This Kaw river bottom is known as the west bottoms.

The Missouri river just here swings close to the bluffs on its southern boundary. Farther along on its eastern course it deflects to the northern heights, and leaves the bottoms on this side, which are called the east bottoms. Within the west bottoms, on either side of the Kaw, and close up to the shore of the Missouri River, are crowded the greater part of the wholesale houses of the city, all of its railroads, packing houses, factories, and a small portion of its residences.

The newer enterprises that could not find room in the west bottoms, extended into the east bottoms, so as to be within reach of the railroads. Market gardens spread out over this part of the valley beyond the city limits. The principal residence portion of both cities is reached by climbing the bluffs, and is not affected by any flood that may be on in either stream.

There is only one bridge across the Missouri, and the bottom lands across it on the north are used only for the tracks of some of the railroads, and for farming. They are about four miles wide. Sixteen bridges spanned the Kaw within the city limits, one of them being used to bring the water pipes across. The supply is drawn from the Missouri about five miles above the city. Close to the bank of this river were built the electric light plant, the stock yards, packing houses, and some factories that used large quantities of water.

The Kaw drains a large section of what a former generation knew as the "Great American Desert," and is generally seen as a wide shallow stream, running between high clay banks, and is never expected to develop any serious flood symptoms. But the Big Muddy, or Missouri, is billed to show a June rise every year some time between the months of March and July.

Reports from the weather stations in Kansas and Nebraska, during the last week of May, told of very heavy rains in their vicinity, and the ground, already soaked by water that had fallen on it the previous week, absorbed none that was now coming down so steadily. Telegraphic accounts told us of the freshets in the tributaries of the Kaw River, at a distance of two hundred miles west, but this information excited no alarm here. To read in the morning paper that some village or small city with which we were acquainted was covered by water, did not impress fear, only caused some comment to be made about "droughty Kansas."

Even on Thursday, May 28th, when the dispatches told us of the damage the Kaw was causing in Topeka, Kansas, sixty-five miles away, no sign was here shown of fear or anxiety lest it would trouble us.

Both the Kaw and Missouri Rivers were reported near the danger line Thursday evening, and by Friday it was known that the June rise on the latter had come, and the former was rising fast. Some large factories along the river fronts expected water to seep through into their cellars, as it usually did when the rivers were high, and they on this day over-hauled their pumps, having them in readiness to remove this water as soon as it came in. No preparation for a flood, aside from this, was made.

Saturday, May 30th, the papers told of many of the people, living in two of the suburbs, known as Argentine and Armourdale—situated on either shore of the Kaw, and at its elbow joint, being on the lowest of the bottom lands—having to leave their homes during the night because the river had overflowed their streets. The reports also told of both rivers up stream rising fast and steadily. This caused the old settlers to talk of the flood of 1881, and some said, "Perhaps it might be as high now as then, but some of the streets that were then submerged had been raised and paved, so it probably would not be deep enough to use a boat in them as on that date."

It being a holiday many took advantage of their leisure in the afternoon to go to the shores of the Kaw to see the high water. All the street cars that crossed this stream brought thousands down to see a very swift and dirty river running bank full, and in some low places spreading out over railroad tracks and around some small houses, used as homes by fishermen. The pumps in some cellars were already working, and a few families, living too near the river, moving out, were the only signs visible that a great calamity was impending. Most of the sightseers went home that night, thinking they had seen the freshet that had done so much damage at Topeka, Kan., and other cities along the Kaw valley.

Sunday morning, May 31st, was cold and rainy, and to the larger part of the inhabitants of these cities, who lived on the high ground, such an one as induced to comfort in bed, so most people on this day ate a late breakfast, and sat about the fire spending the day reading or lounging indoors. Another part of the citizens who lived in, or whose duties took them to the bottoms, were made aware that danger actually threatened them, for soon after eight o'clock that morning water began to creep up out of the Kaw, along some of the streets. None felt fear enough to move out—a few inches of water in the streets would cause no damage. Some work was done in the cellars moving goods on to the floors above.

Each hour as it passed showed that the water was rising fast, and, like the tide, covering first the streets, then the sidewalks, then by noon reaching the first floors of all the buildings in the west bottoms. Most families living there, expecting only a slight inconvenience, and that each inch of rise would bring the waters up to their highest point, instead of moving out climbed upstairs, to get out of the water.

The afternoon passed, as did the morning, showing a steady increase of water. By four o'clock many wanted to leave their homes, but the water by this time was too deep and swift to go through safely, and they became aware that they were cut off and must wait until some boatmen could come to take them out of their second story windows.

Darkness, this Sunday night, was of the kind not usually seen in a city, for the electric light plant was under water, the gas houses put out of service, and the water mains where they had crossed the Kaw carried away, thus shutting off the water supply, and causing all street cars to stop. No trains or switch engines could be moved, as the water was four feet deep in the railroad yards, and nothing could be heard around this busy part of the city, except the roar of the water as it rushed about the streets, and the cries for help from those who were shut off from escape in their homes.

Daylight Monday morning, June 1st, was the signal for those living high and dry to go to the bluffs and view the change wrought the past twenty-four hours—and such a scene no one ever saw before. The highest wave had not yet come, but already the water was six feet deep in the houses and stores farthest away from the river shore, and all the bottom lands were from two to ten feet under water, which was rushing down every street, around the corners, covered by all kinds of drift, houses floating down stream, or tipped over against their neighbor, and dodging in and about this desolate waste, a few boats bringing some family to the hills and safety.

Every hour of the early morning the crowds along the bluffs' side increased, and vague rumors were started as to the loss of life and property. No story was thought improbable, in face of what was before them, and it was just as easy to believe the statement that thousands of lives were lost in that vast flood, as it was to believe it possible for the water to come up so high.

Prompt police protection was taken, and relief parties were formed to care for those who were forced to leave their homes. All business except in the retail stores up-town was suspended. Everybody was looking at the great river and wondering if it would go much higher. It steadily rose till about 3 P. M., when it became stationary, at thirty-five feet above low water mark at the bridge across the Missouri, and six feet five inches high in the waiting room of the Union Depot. Fifteen bridges across the Kaw were known to be washed away. One only was left standing, that belonging to the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and that was kept in place because it had been loaded down with locomotives Saturday. All communication with Kansas City, Kan., was cut off. No trains were running on any line of road. No wonder the first report to be sent out would be the most gloomy and exaggerated.

Tuesday, the second day of June, the waters were reported to be falling slowly, and new courage seemed to come with this cheering prospect. Business men turned to boat building, and thus secured means to go to their submerged houses. Plans were made what to do just as soon as the waters receded. Some of the railroads cut holes in the top of the cars and took out perishable goods by aid of boats. Some lines of street cars were started by having water hauled to their power houses by teams. Lines of railroads running south got trains started in that direction. The food supply was found to be sufficient. The refugees were taken to the big Convention Hall, and many of the churches. A relief committee was organized, and was doing everything necessary for the care of the unfortunate. Many reported drowned the day before were found to be alive. The only serious inconvenience was the lack of water in the pipes, while there was so much of it in the streets and houses in the bottoms.

Each day following saw more of the spirit of recovery, heard the death list grow less, saw business men begin the rivalry to see who would be first to get their places ready for trade, and before the week was out everybody was looking on the bright side again, except the homeless. They will have to start anew.

The water left about three inches of mud in all the houses, so the first work done in a building was to clean out this unwelcome visitor, then ascertain the amount of damage to stocks of goods, then begin getting out shipments from the dry floors.

The resumption of business, the clearing away of the debris and mud was taken up as a daily occupation, and gradually the evidences of the flood passed from sight to become a page in this city's history.

A brief summary to help fix in the memory the chief events of the disaster is appended.

It was the worst flood since the city was built.

The area covered was a very small proportion of the total acres within the corporate limits. The submerged portion was the vital part of the city's business interests.

The number of lives lost proved to be eighteen, instead of a thousand.

The property loss will be great, and not fully known for several months.

One illustration to show how the water cuts away the alluvial soil of the bottoms is seen in the Atchison, Topeka & Sante Fe Railroad yards, where a hole was washed out under some tracks where locomotives were standing, and into which three engines and two Pullman palace cars fell, and were out of sight till the water was pumped out. This excavation was an acre in extent, and twenty-six feet deep.

Steps have already been taken to improve the water mains so they will be beyond injury from a like catastrophe, and the houses which will be built in the flooded district in the future will be more substantial and capable of withstanding the river's fury. This will be one of the benefits of this great disaster.

GEO. A. TALBOT,
500 Askew Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Oxford High School Graduation.

Oxford High School graduation exercises at Robinson Hall, Monday evening, June 22d.

PROGRAMME.

Music.
Prayer, Rev. Frederic Newport.
Music.
Part I.

A banquet by the junior class, given in honor of the seniors. It is supposed to be an evening preceding the senior graduation. The toasts responded to embody the senior class history and somewhat of prophecy. Toastmistress, Ida Stone.

1. Our Traveler, Bertella Towne. "His words seemed oracles, you could have heard the beating of your pulses while he spoke".
2. Our Minister, Ethel Keniston.
3. Gibaraltar—Valedictorian's essay, Ralph Elwin Edwards
4. The Isthmian Canal—Salutatorian's essay, Alton Eugene Kavanaugh
5. Senior Forecasts, Everett Cook
6. Our Old Maid, Ida Stone
7. Agriculture, Charles Rowe
8. O-x-f-o-r-d, O-x-f-o-r-d, Rah! Rah! Rah! Anne Florence Eaton
9. Class song.

Curtain.
Part II.

Music, Æolian Quartette, Lewiston
Salutatory—French part, Ralph Elwin Edwards
Alton Eugene Kavanaugh
Music.
Valedictory, Ralph Elwin Edwards
Music.
Reading, Miss Blanche Lord
Music
Presentation of Diplomas. First to seniors, second to Grammar class.
Music. Special numbers by Æolian Quartet, followed by an informal reception.

Class Ode. Air, Wake, Freshman, Wake.

The stars brightly glancing,
Behold us advancing,
And kindly smile upon us from the sea;
With hearts fondly beating,
Our schoolmates all greeting,
The senior class of nineteen hundred three.

Sing, sing, schoolmates sing!
Sing while a health to you we pour;
For now ere we leave you,
We heartily give you,
A welcome class of nineteen hundred four.

The future's before us,
The stars shining o'er us,
And hope is beck'ning us to follow on,
So gather life's flowers,
Improve the sweet hours,
For soon your happy springtime will be gone.

Hail! hail! schoolmates hail!
Successors to the class of only two,
For now as we leave you,
We heartily give you
A welcome mingled with a fond adieu.

Class colors, orange and white.

Please take notice that the Smiley shoe store, Norway, will be closed all day Saturday, July 4th. Open the evening before until 11 o'clock.

New Postmaster.

Thomas H. Burgess has been appointed postmaster at Rumford Center.

Eddie M. Hopkins, aged 11 years, was drowned Monday afternoon in the river near Island Garden, Lewiston.

"I have been troubled for some time with indigestion and sour stomach," says Mrs. Sarah W. Curtis, of Lee, Mass., "and have been taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets which have helped me very much so that now I can eat many things that before I could not." If you have any trouble with your stomach why not take these tablets and get well? For sale by Shurtleff & Co., E. P. Parlin, South Paris; Stevens, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Let us clean, repair and press your clothing for the 4th. That is our business, F. H. Noyes Co.

Straw hats, outing suits, fancy shirts and hosiery, F. H. Noyes Co.

Buy warm weather wearables for July 4th at F. H. Noyes Co.

East Oxford Local Union.

The semi-annual meeting of the East Oxford Local Union of Christian Endeavor Societies met at East Hebron June 23, and the attendance and interest was excellent.

The session opened by a devotional service led by Rev. B. F. Turner of Buckfield. This was followed by business, during which committees were appointed and the treasurer reported. The receipts for the half year were $29.70, and expense $9.35, leaving a balance in the treasury of $20.45.

In the afternoon, following the song service led by Miss Sue Wheeler of South Paris, a model Christian Endeavor meeting was conducted by the president of the Union, Rev. Frederic Newport of Oxford. This was a very helpful service. It was followd by short addresses on the following topics: "Christian Endeavor as an Educational Agency," by Rev. L. W. Muttart of East Sumner; "The Christian Endeavor as a Missionary Agency," by Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., of South Paris, and "The Value of Christian Endeavor to the Smaller Churches" by Rev. Harvey Bishop of Paris.

These addresses were followed by a talk to the children by State President of Christian Endeavor, Rev. C. D. Crane of Yarmouth. Then came the quiet hour, an impressive and uplifting service, conducted by the secretary, Miss Starbird of Oxford.

The principal feature of the evening was an address by the state president, entitled "Fisherman's Luck." His chief points were: Red tape makes a poor fish line; you must catch your fish one by one; you must go where the fish are; a fisherman needs common sense or tact; there is no bait like love; if you are going to catch fish you must *go*. This address sparkled with humor, and yet taught practical lessons needed by Christian Endeavorers.

The address was followed by prayer and benediction by Dr. Brooks of South Paris, which closed the session.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 172.—Numerical Enigma.

I am composed of thirteen letters and name a yellow wild flower growing in marshy places.

My 1, 2, 3, 4 is a planet.
My 10, 11, 12, 13 is a precious metal.
My 5, 7, 6 is a kind of meat.
My 8, 9, 10 is to fit with rigging.

No. 173.—Added Syllables.

This **** was Effie's pride and joy;
She paid a ****ar for the toy.

She ate the **** with keen delight;
The ****age on her hat was bright.

She gave a ***, the waiter bowed,
Put on her ***pet, joined the crowd.

No. 174.—Flower Puzzles.

Take one letter from each of the following words in succession and spell the name of a well known flower:

1. Castle, mankind, courage, work, present, simple, nature, story.
2. Candid, pleasure, night, fellow, civil, lady.
3. Speech, proper, white, summer, brook, source, reason, pleasant.
4. Event, child, about, gentle, smile, letter.
5. Acorn, brown, crown, dismal, alone, fifty, step.

No. 175.—Missing Rhymes.

The sun may have its troubles,
But it keeps the bright — —;
The lark may have misgivings,
But she hides away her — —;
Poets praise the sun for —
And the lark for never — —;
Man has joys from bird and planet,
Since they "keep the bright — — ."

No. 176.—Connected Triangles.

1.
x
x x
x x
x x
5. x x x x x 6.
x x x x
x x x x
x x x x
2. x x x x x x x x x 8.
4.

From 1 to 2, the commandments; from 2 to 3, a soothing application; from 1 to 3, one who vindicates himself; from 5 to 6, a fruit; from 5 to 4, true; from 4 to 6, a kind of cloth made from flax.

No. 177.—Illustrated Rebus.

What six American cities are here represented?

No. 178.—Cross Purposes.

If I go out and you go in, a rhyme becomes a forest.

If I go out and you go in, a document becomes a leaden ball.

If I go out and you go in, a tax becomes an apology.

If I go out and you go in, flexible becomes split timber.

If I go out and you go in, to heat gradually becomes a season.

If I go out and you go in, a title becomes to assemble.

If I go out and you go in, harsh becomes an article of food.

No. 179.—Charade.

I made a FIRST; I thought it good;
How one old SECOND did glare!
He never could have understood.
His FIRST SECOND speech made people stare.

No. 180.—Decapitations.

Behead to chop and leave a tree.
Behead a word expressing unreality and leave a kind of wood.
Behead a transparent substance and leave a young girl; behead again and leave an animal.
Behead a grain and leave a result of extreme cold.
Behead an animal and leave a grain.
Behead a lively dance and leave a fish.

The Only Way.

The Rev. Goodman—You are a very noble little fellow, Tommy. Now, tell me what deep underlying principle prompted you to forgive those wicked boys who called you ugly names.

Tommy—They was all bigger than me.—Town and Country.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 165.—Diamond: 1. D. 2. Den. 3. Ducal. 4. Decimal. 5. Named. 6. Lad. 7. L.

No. 166.—Primal Acrostic: Polyphemus. 1. Parrot. 2. Octagon. 3. Laces. 4. Yardstick. 5. Pumpkin. 6. Horse. 7. Elephant. 8. Money. 9. Umbrella. 10. Spear.

No. 167.—Anagram Enigma: Make haste slowly.

No. 168.—Transposition: Tern, rent.

No. 169.—Hidden Trees: 1. Dis-fig-ure. 2. Overwh-elm-ed. 3. Palm-istry. 4. Thr-ash-ing. 5. Re-pine. 6. Im-peached. 7. Sub-lime. 8. Ap-pear-ance. 9. Af-fir-m.

No. 170.—Rhombold: Across—1. Hardy. 2. Tares. 3. Giant. 4. Prior. 5. Speak. Down—1. H. 2. At. 3. Rag. 4. Drip. 5. Years. 6. Snip. 7. Toe. 8. Ra. 9. K.

No. 171.—Geographical Puzzles: Plymouth. Denver. Richmond. Columbus. Idaho. Alabama.

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Good figures are not what they are dressed up to be.

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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

Presents for the New Baby.

What to give to a new baby is a question which at first might seem very simple, but it is one that often puzzles the intending giver, especially if the baby is one that is likely to receive many presents. Not that there are not plenty of things to give, but at the moment of choosing it is often hard to tell just what one would prefer.

There is always something more personal about a gift that is made by the giver herself, and most people prefer to make a present for a friend's baby. For a woman who is fond of dainty work nothing is more enjoyable than the manufacturing of some of the pretty little belongings of a baby.

One can either spend quite a large sum on these things, or, if economy is desired, can make very pretty things for very little money.

If the present is for a very intimate friend there is always the baby basket as a first choice, and that can be quite simple or as elaborate and expensive as one chooses. Then a dress is always acceptable, and that, too, admits of the widest difference in the matter of expense. Any one who can make one of the exquisitely dainty little hand-made dresses, that are so much used now, has it in her power to make a very handsome present without spending a very large amount of money.

Bibs and caps are also given and sacks of all sorts and kinds, the prettiest sacks being those made of fine white cashmere, embroidered in silk, either white or colored.

Of fine white cashmere can also be made an exceedingly pretty little wrapper in kimona shape. These are comparatively new and are very popular. They are cut in the same way as a woman's kimona, are feather-stitched all around with silk and can also have smocking where the gathers come, if the maker is able to do that charming work.

Another beautiful gift is a blanket or afghan knitted of very heavy soft worsted. These blankets are plain, straight knitting of white, with two stripes near each end of either blue or pink, just like a real blanket. The ends are bound with ribbon to match the stripes.

Still another pretty thing to make is a little pillow and case. The case is made of two fine linen hem-stitched handkerchiefs, sewed together on three sides, while the fourth side has five little buttons and button-holes.

One handkerchief is embroidered with little sprays of flowers in a delicate color (blue or pink is always best for a baby), and the pillow is covered with a soft silk to match these flowers. The pillow should be just large enough to fit comfortably in the case, not large enough for a little shrinking to make the case tight after it is washed.

Silk socks make an attractive present, and rather an inexpensive one. They are not really difficult to make, but one must have very exact directions for either knitting or crocheting.

If one has not the time or ability to make any of these things there are, of course, plenty of gifts to buy for a baby. Studs, spoons, pins of all kinds are all to be found at the jeweler's. One very useful thing is a large gold safety pin, and the small gold safety-pins are also very nice gifts.—The Examiner.

Suggestions to Girls for Summer Work.

To begin with, girls, no matter how jolly a summer you expect to have and no matter how much you are looking forward to a generous period of "loafing" when school is over for the season, depend upon it, all play and no work never is a success. Don't think it is the preaching of people who are too old to have a good time—it is a serious fact that you will be happier if you have some duties. And all this aside from any question of your duty to father and mother at home.

Making beds and sweeping may not be quite so amusing as playing tennis and golf, but it is about as good exercise. It is, in fact, much better for some girls, for whom the outdoor games are entirely too violent. And the fact that no other exercise develops the figure so symmetrically as does housework should recommend it to most young women.

The care of the flowers that go so far to make the home charming during the summer months should be the duty of the young girls of the family, and, in places where lamps are used, the tending—filling and cleaning,—is one of the every-day bits of business that takes only a few minutes.

Aside from some regular every day duty, undertaken as a matter of discipline and unselfishness, it is a very good idea to start the vacation time with some definite plan for work to be accomplished. A supply of dainty underclothing may easily be gotten together in a two or three months' vacation if a few hours each day are spent on pretty hand-sewing. Little hem-stitched ruffles and feather-stitched bands are considered more correct than fancy embroidery and lace, and they cost infinitely less in money.

One class of girls who are just undergoing their final examinations at high school, have made a plan to see who can do the prettiest hand-sewing this summer. They will meet each week for an afternoon's work and a chat and a glass of iced tea, and at each meeting dues of ten cents are to be paid in by each member. At the end of the summer there is to be a formal judging time, when the class teacher will pass on the work of the vacation, and by her decision will be awarded a prize of the prettiest handkerchief that can be bought with the money paid in dues.

Like the good, old-fashioned foreign girls, many girls, many young women are sensible enough to begin while they are still school girls preparing for their possible future home. They buy, occasionally, some fine linen, and make it ready for household use, with their initials embroidered on it. Then, when Prince Charming comes into the story, there is a goodly store of useful things ready for the trousseau. Pretty summer work with dreams of a rosy future woven into stitches!—Exchange.

Rules for the Sick Room.

Here are a few rules of the sick room that are worth remembering:

Never allow a patient to take the temperature himself. Many patients are more knowing than nurses where there is a question of temperature.

Never put a hot water bottle next to the skin. Its efficiency and the patient's safety are both enhanced by surrounding the bottle with flannel.

Never allow a patient to be waked out of his first sleep, either intentionally or accidentally.

Never imagine that a patient who sleeps during the day will not sleep during the night. The more he sleeps the better he will be able to sleep.

Never hurry or bustle.

Never stand and fidget when a sick person is talking to you. Sit down.

Never sit where your patient cannot see you.

Never require a patient to repeat a message or request. Attend at once.

Never judge the condition of your patient from his appearance during the conversation. See how he looks an hour afterward.

Never read a story to children if you can tell it.

Never read fast to a sick person. The way to make a story short is to tell it slowly.

Never confine a patient to one room if you can obtain the use of two.

Never allow monotony in anything.—Exchange.

Household Matters.

Wash oil cloth with a flannel wet with warm water, wiping dry and rubbing it over afterwards with a little skim milk.

Keep tin vessels from rust by placing them near the fire on the rack of the range after they have been washed and wiped.

Milk that has been standing any little time in a jug should always be carefully poured into another jug, leaving a little at the bottom, for this portion of the milk is injurious to health, and has often been known to cause typhoid fever.

A simple hair tonic consists of 3 drams of glycerine in 3 ounces of lime water. This should be well shaken and applied at night.

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If you don't your food does not do you much good. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the remedy that every one should take when there is anything wrong with the stomach. There is no way to maintain the health and strength of mind and body except by nourishment. There is no way to nourish except through the stomach. The stomach must be kept healthy, pure and sweet or the strength will let down and disease will set up. No appetite, loss of strength, nervousness, headache, constipation, bad breath, sour risings, rifting, indigestion, dyspepsia, and all stomach troubles are quickly cured by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

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A hammock is built for two even when it isn't big enough for one.

INTERESTING TO ASTHMA SUFFERERS.

Daniel Bante of Otterville, Iowa, writes: "I have had asthma for three or four years and have tried about all the cough and asthma cures in the market and have received treatment from physicians in New York and other cities, but got very little benefit until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar which gave me immediate relief and I will never be without it in my house. I sincerely recommend it to all." F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris. Orin Stevens, Oxford.

Lack of originality in some people's conversation displays their good judgment.

WAS WASTING AWAY.

The following letter from Robert R. Watts, of Salem, Mo., is instructive. "I have been troubled with kidney disease for the last five years. I lost flesh and never felt well and doctored with leading physicians and tried all remedies suggested without relief. Finally I tried Foley's Kidney Cure and less than two bottles completely cured me and I am now sound and well." F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris. Orin Stevens, Oxford.

It is luckier to have a rabbit's foot than a hare lip.

Blue Island, Ill., Jan. 14, 1901.

Messrs. Ely Bros.—I have used your Cream Balm in my family for nine years and it has become my family doctor for colds in the head. I use it freely on my children. It is a Godsend to children.

Yonrs respectfully, J. KIMBALL.

Messrs. Ely Bros.—I suffered greatly with catarrh and tried different remedies without effect. After using one bottle of your Cream Balm I found relief and I cannot praise too highly such a remedy. MISS CORA WILLARD, ALBANY, N. Y.

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A woman has an idea that it is better for her not to balance the check book monthly so the cashier won't know how little money she has.

TEN YEARS IN BED.

R. A. Gray, J. P., Oakville, Ind., writes, "For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys. It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a Godsend to me." F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris. Orin Stevens, Oxford.

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In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Probably if girls could get the clothes and jewels without a husband they wouldn't think so much about getting married.

A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

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Mae.—"What is your ideal of a man?" Ethel—"One who is clever enough to make money, and foolish enough to spend it freely."

WARNING.

If you have kidney or bladder trouble and do not use Foley's Kidney Cure, you will have only yourself to blame for results, as it positively cures all forms of kidney and bladder diseases. F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris. Orin Stevens, Oxford.

Ingratitude. Jaggles—"What did the college do with the money it got from the millionaire?" Waggles—"Established a chair of socialism."

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Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

E. W. Grove on every box. 25c

New Boarder—"What's the row upstairs?" Landlady—"It's that professor of hypnotism, trying to get his wife's permission to go out this evening."

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Skidmore—"I made a pretty good bargain to-day. I sold our sideboard for $30." Barring—"A good bargain! Why you told me the price of it to you was $50." Skidmore—"Yes, that's all right; but I've never paid for it you see."

During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure. F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris. Orin Stevens, Oxford.

When a woman in trouble doesn't weep, her friends say she has "splendid control," and her enemies say she is indifferent.

Can't be perfect health without pure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood. Tones and invigorates the whole system.

"I'll never speak to them again!" "Oh, you shouldn't get as cross as that, Flossie!" "No; I won't speak to them again, and I'll tell them so every time I see them!"

'Tisn't safe to be a day without Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in the house. Never can tell what moment an accident is going to happen.

PICTURES IN THE EYE

ONE OF THE MYSTERIES OF THAT COMPLEX ORGAN, THE BRAIN.

Theories as to the Cause of the Living Colored Fanciful and Changing Images That Appear on Lying Down After an Exciting Day.

There are many who will not readily understand what is meant by pictures in the eye, unless it be the imagination, or "mind's eye," of Hamlet, for the power of seeing them is not conferred on all alike. Even those who have seen them from time to time, and probably given them little heed, may not feel altogether sure about the matter without a word of explanation.

Lying in bed, after a tiring or exciting day, with your eyes closed and about to fall asleep, have you never seen, apparently in the eyeball, spots and streaks of colored light, changing their forms and shifting their places? Have you never watched them passing into complicated patterns, like those of the kaleidoscope, or into pretty landscapes quite unknown to you, or into strange faces, now and again very beautiful or angelic, but often as ugly and hideous as goblins from the infernal regions, or, haply, into scenes of action reminding you of the drama, but such as you never saw in real life or upon any stage? These pictures are more alive than the "living pictures" of the music halls. They have the hues of life and art and rival the quick change artist in their protean transformations. The animatograph that can imitate their ceaseless evolution without a hitch or tremor will be a novelty and make the fortune of its inventor.

What are they? It is one of the mysteries of that marvelous—nay, miraculous—organ, the brain. We must distinguish them from other mysteries of the "border land" which lies between the adjoining states of wideawake and sound asleep.

They are not the images of a reverie or day dream. Whether we recall the past in our waking hours or invent new incidents like a novelist, we can govern them to some extent and are quite aware of their fanciful or mental character. They are not a hallucination in the proper sense of the term. We feel they are subjective, or within us; we suppose them in the eye itself; whereas we believe a hallucination is objective, or without us. An apparition or specter that we take for a reality is a hallucination. The ghost of Hamlet's father, witnessed by several persons, and the spook of his distant brother, seen by Lord Brougham, were probably hallucinations of a "telepathic" order. The picture of Millais where a man starts up and sees a luminous lady at the foot of his bed is a case of hallucination. The "dream image" of the undergraduate who dreamed that he was chased by a green figure and, awakening, saw it in his room was also a hallucination.

Pictures in the eye are more akin to what are called "after images." A gentleman (a doctor, if we are not mistaken), after a fatiguing day, was cheered by the sight of a beefsteak for his dinner, as he very well might, but seemingly the steak made a deep impression on his mind or his digestion, for while he was drowsing with his eyes closed after eating it, he saw it again as vividly as before, and on dropping asleep he saw it a third time in his dream. It was doubtless a substantial steak, not a ghost, and yet it haunted him.

There is, of course, more than one theory of these living pictures in the eye or, as they are called in science, "hypnogogic images." One is that they are formed on the retina of the eye and confined to it. Another is that they are purely mental and formed in the cortex or bark, so to speak, of the cerebrum. As often happens, the truth appears to lie in a combination of both views. Recent observations of M. Yves Delage have put the question to experimental proof. When we look at a bright body—for example, the sun—and shut our eyes we see a colored spot of light, and if we move the eye up or down, to right or left, the spot moves with it. The spot, in fact, is left by the image of the sun upon the retina and therefore moves with it. Now, if the hypnogogic images are on the retina they will also move with the eye, and this is what M. Delage has found. Nevertheless the brain also comes into play in forming them.

Corry O'Lanus.

Joseph O'Brien is an Irishman who has traveled all over the world, served in the royal navy and knows everybody. You can never mention a man or a fact or anything else but Joe knows it.

One evening I was sitting in a "decent public" with some friends discussing the recent events.

I closed my remarks with a quotation from "Coriolanus," and just then Joe walked in and happened to hear it.

"Who said that?" said Joe.

"Oh, Coriolanus. Of course you knew him."

"No, I never knew him, but I knew his people. A fine old Roscommon family, the O'Lanuses. I knew all his brothers, but I never knew Corry."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Leaf Cutting Bees.

The leaf cutting bees are near relatives of the honey and bumble bees, which they closely resemble. They derive their name from the habit you have observed of cutting out bits of leaves for their cells. The circular pieces are for the ends of the cells and the oblong pieces for the sides. These cells are usually in burrows cut into wood, for some of the leaf cutting bees, like the carpenter bees, have the talent of cutting holes into wood.—St. Nicholas.

The Knight Rejoiced.

We believe that kissing is an English custom. We read in ancient history of a knight who visited the Field of the Cloth of Gold and who on being invited to a local castle was addressed by the "kynde ladye" of the establishment, who remarked:

"Forasmuch as in England ye have such a custome as that a man may kysse a woman, therefore I will that ye shall kysse me, and ye shall also kysse these my maidens."

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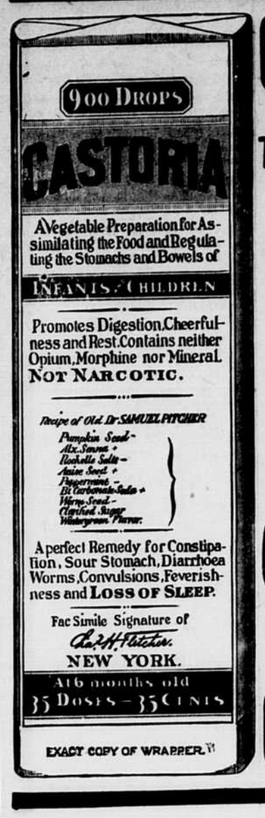

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